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In this volume are contained the Names of
the One Hundred and Sixteen Old Harrovians
who fell between April 10th, 1918, and the
end of the War

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Lieut.	F. H. Bethell
Lt.-Col.	D. F. Bickmore, D.S.O.
Sec. Lt.	H. E. C. Biedermann
Sec. Lt.	J. H. Blount
Lt.-Col.	W. E. T. Bolitho, D.S.O.
Sergeant	W. S. Bolton
Lieut.	R. H. Bonnin
Major	G. D. Brown, M.C.
Capt.	K. E. Brown, M.C.
Capt.	W. H. C. Brownlow
Lieut.	C. Bruce
Capt.	W. R. Bruce-Clarke
Sec. Lt.	E. F. C. Budd
Lieut.	J. L. Bullough
Sec. Lt.	J. O. Butler
Lieut.	L. G. Byng, M.C.
Capt.	M. L. S. O. Cole
Major	J. G. Collins
Corporal	R. P. Collins
Capt.	H. C. B. Cottam, M.C.
Capt.	R. V. L. Dallas, M.C.
Capt.	A. C. Davies
Sec. Lt.	B. C. Davis
Lieut.	G. C. Davis
Capt.	T. V. Bartley Denniss
Private	The Rev. L. K. Digby
Major	H. J. Dresser
Lieut.	H. G. B. Drummond, M.C.
Capt.	H. B. Farquhar

Capt.	P. St. G. Findlater
Sec. Lt.	C. A. G. Fitch
Lieut.	I. C. Gascoigne
Major	E. N. Gilliat, M.C.
Lt.-Col.	P. M. Glasier, D.S.O.
Lt.-Col.	C. Huntly Gordon
Sec. Lt.	R. G. Gordon
Major	W. Gowans
Sec. Lt.	J. Hardy
Lieut.	E. Hartley
Sec. Lt.	C. Hartree
Capt.	F. H. Hodgson
Capt.	T. E. Holland, M.C.
Lieut.	F. H. Holt
Lieut.	E. G. de L. Hopcraft
Private	W. I. Hornby
Capt.	P. Hurlbutt, M.C.
Lieut.	J. S. Ingleby
Capt.	G. C. L. Insole, M.C.
Lieut.	Viscount Ipswich
Lieut.	S. G. Isherwood
Lieut.	G. B. Joy
Brig.-Gen.	Sir W. A. I. Kay, Bart., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lt.-Col.	H. H. Kennedy
Capt.	J. P. F. Kennedy
Lieut.	C. R. W. Knight
Capt.	C. Landale
Capt.	E. G. Lawton
Lt.-Col.	R. H. Leyland
Lieut.	J. R. Lewis
Lieut.	W. H. St. J. Lyons
Lieut.	E. G. Manuel
Capt.	J. K. Mews
Sec. Lt.	G. G. D. Miller
Private	R. H. N. Mintorn
Sec. Lt.	E. P. Aylett Moore, M.C.
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Major	H. Musgrave, D.S.O.
Lieut.	J. G. Mylne
Major	A. Neame
Lieut.	J. C. A. Ness
Lieut.	A. G. Bathurst Norman
Capt.	A. J. North, M.C.
Lieut.	G. E. R. Oakes
Sec. Lt.	T. F. Oliver
Major	B. C. Parr
Major	B. C. Pascoe, M.C.
Lieut.	S. G. Pollock

Lieut.	M. H. Ponsonby
First Lt.	W. Clarkson Potter, D.S.C.
Lieut.	B. C. Ransome
Lieut.	W. D. Raymond
Col.	E. R. Reid, C.B., D.S.O.
Capt.	N. M. Reid
Capt.	C. F. P. Reynard
Capt.	G. P. Roch
Capt.	W. P. Roch
Lt.-Col.	R. H. Sanderson
Cadet	T. L. Sanderson
Lieut.	J. R. Saunders
Sec. Lt.	F. R. Seely
Capt.	A. M. Shaw
Lieut.	E. B. Shelley
Sec. Lt.	H. S. Sherwood
Capt.	O. W. Sichel
Major	R. Cordy Simpson
Sec. Lt.	D. H. A. Simson
Capt.	G. Skirrow
Lieut.	J. F. Snowball
Capt.	W. A. Stirling
Lt.-Col.	H. Storr, D.S.O.
Lieut.	A. H. Strutt
Private	G. W. Tattersall
Capt.	C. E. H. Tempest-Hicks, M.C.
Lieut.	H. G. M. Vickers
Lieut.	J. C. G. Warwick
Major	W. E. Watson, D.S.O.
Capt.	A. N. H. Weekes, M.C.
Capt.	V. E. O. Welch
Major	J. F. Wilkinson, M.C.
Capt.	G. Williams
Brig.-Gen.	A. A. Wolfe Murray, C.B.
Major	H. F. Wood
Capt.	F. Woodcock, M.C.
Lieut.	J. C. Zigomala, M.B.E.

The names being in alphabetical order, it has been considered unnecessary to number the pages.

CAPTAIN A. B. BAGLEY, M.C.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Rendalls 04³-07³

Aged 27

October 29th, 1918

ELDER son of Arthur Hubert Bagley, B.A., LL.B.(Camb.), Barrister-at-Law, Indian Judicial Service, and of his wife, Helen Sophia Bagley, third daughter of John Higginson, J.P., of Leicester.

Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Married Kathleen, only daughter of the late Major Fearnside-Speed, and leaves one son.

Captain Bagley, after a year's residence at Cambridge, obtained a Commission in the 3rd Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers (S.R.), and passed first in the open competition for Commissions in the Regular Army, being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1912. After service in India he was promoted Lieutenant in April, 1914, and in the following July joined the Flying School. On qualifying as Flying Officer he served as Instructor R.F.C. until June, 1915, when he went to France and took part in the Second Battle of Ypres. In August, 1915, he was invalided home and became an Instructor at the Flying School at Ruislip, being promoted Captain in October. He subsequently rejoined the Dublin Fusiliers in Ireland and was engaged in suppressing the Irish Rebellion. He was then accidentally injured, being laid up for some months. He returned to France in November, 1916, and joined the 1st Battalion of his Regiment. In February, 1917, he won the Military Cross at Sailly-Saillysel, the official account being :—

“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He forced his way through uncut wire into the trench and killed two of the enemy. Later finding his Company could not get through the wire, he returned and organized bomb-throwing parties, while the wire was being cut.”

In this battle he was wounded and again invalided home. On returning to light duty he was appointed Instructor Bombing School, Merrion. Feeling fit for duty he volunteered for active service and was sent to France in August, 1918, being posted to the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment. He commanded his Company on the 3rd October and forced the Hindenburg Line, south of Cambrai, being complimented on the skilful handling of his men. He was mortally wounded by a shell on October 17th, near St. Benin, at the moment of going into action, and died of his wounds at Le Tréport on October 29th, 1918.



ARTHUR BRACTON BAGLEY

LIEUTENANT A. L. BAIN

Irish Guards

The Grove 96³-00*

Aged 36

November 4th, 1918

SECOND son of James Bain, Merchant, of 12 Wetherhall Gardens, London, N.W., and of Mrs. Bain.

Was a Partner in his father's business.

Lieutenant Bain joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in 1915, and was subsequently given a Commission in the Irish Guards. He went to France in October, 1916. He was killed by the bursting of a shell, on November 4th, 1918, at Villers Pol, and was buried at the village cemetery of Wagnies le Petit. At the time of his death he was acting Captain of No. 2 Company. He was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches.

His Colonel wrote :—

"I really do not know how to write to you to say how dreadfully sorry I am that dear old Andy was killed on November 4th, or to express our sympathy with you in your great loss which is also ours. He had been through so much with us that I always hoped he would see the final victory. It may be of some consolation to you to know that he died, as he lived with us, doing his duty. He was so quiet, so conscientious, so gentlemanly always, that every Officer and man in the Battalion loved him, and I am only telling you the bare truth when I say that his loss is most deeply felt by us all, and that the whole Battalion gives you its deepest and most sincere sympathy. His death coming at such a time makes it all the sadder, as nobody deserved to see our final triumph more than he did."

Another Officer wrote :—

"He was the only Officer of whom I never heard anyone make an adverse criticism, however trivial, and we are all so very much the poorer by his loss. He stood out among them all for his charm of character and manner. In him England has lost a very gallant gentleman, you a devoted son, the Regiment a fine Officer, and I a dear friend."



ANDREW LUSK BAIN

LIEUTENANT F. H. BTHELL

Connaught Rangers

Small Houses 10²-13³

Aged 19

September 25th, 1915

ELDEST son of Sir John Bethell, Bart., M.P., of Bushey House, Bushey, Herts, and of Lady Bethell.

Lieutenant Bethell was intending to go up to Trinity College, Cambridge, but, when the War broke out, immediately joined the Army and was gazetted to the Connaught Rangers. He went to the Front in March, 1915, and was gassed in the attack at Ypres in the following month. He was killed on the morning of September 25th, 1915, while leading a charge on the German position at Hooge.

The Colonel of the Battalion wrote to his father saying that the trench charged by Lieutenant Bethell had not, through an oversight, been shelled, and that the force led by him was annihilated.

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FRANK HARRY BETHELL

LIEUT.-COLONEL D. F. BICKMORE, D.S.O.

Norfolk Regiment

Newlands 05²-10²

Aged 27

July 20th, 1918

ONLY child of the Rev. Francis Askew Bickmore, M.A., late Vicar of Roxwell, Chelmsford, and of his wife, Lucy Jane Bickmore, *née* Dundas.

New College, Oxford, B.A., 1913.

Married, in 1915, Grace, daughter of Henry Pelham, President of Trinity College, Oxford, and leaves one son.

Lieut.-Colonel Bickmore, who had obtained a University Commission in the Indian Army, went out to India in 1913. On the outbreak of the War he went to France with his Regiment, the 6th King Edward's Own Cavalry, I.A., and was put in charge of a Small Arms Ammunition Column. In 1915 he was attached to the 1st Cheshire Regiment and then became an Instructor at the 4th Army School in France. At this time he exchanged into the English Army, joining the Norfolk Regiment. In 1917 he was sent to the 51st Division, as Second-in-Command of the 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. After attending the Senior Officers' Course at Aldershot, early in 1918, he returned to France in April of that year and was given command of the 4th Gordon Highlanders, 51st Division. He was reported 'wounded and missing' on July 20th, 1918, while leading some of his men in an attack on an enemy machine gun position, and no further news of him has been obtainable.

He was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O.:—"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his Battalion during an enemy attack. When portions of the line shewed signs of wavering he rallied the men, and, in spite of an intense fire, restored the situation. Later during a critical period, before his Battalion was required to attack, he went forward and made a reconnaissance, returning, under heavy shell fire, with a valuable report and a clear plan of action. He shewed great courage and leadership throughout the operations."

Brigadier-General K. G. Buchanan wrote to his widow:—

"Your husband has done so well since he has had command of the 4th Gordons, and I feel his loss very deeply. His bravery in action was always conspicuous, and he earned a very fine D.S.O. in April. As a Commander he gave all the greatest confidence, and as his Brigade Commander I have always received the most intense loyalty and support from him."



DAVID FRANCIS BICKMORE

2ND LIEUTENANT H. E. C. BIEDERMANN

Oxfordshire Hussars (attached R.A.F.)

The Knoll 02³-07¹

Aged 29

August 10th, 1917

SON of A. H. Biedermann of 23 Down Street, London, W.
Cricket XI, 1906. Racket Player, 1906-7.

2nd Lieutenant Biedermann, who was ranching in the Argentine, came over from South America on the outbreak of the War and joined the 3rd County of London Yeomanry, as a Trooper, in September, 1914. He was sent to Egypt in April, 1915, and from there to Gallipoli, where he served throughout that campaign. On coming to England on leave his Colonel highly recommended him for a Commission, which he was given in the Oxfordshire Hussars. After serving for three months with this Regiment he transferred to the Air Force, and, having obtained his Pilot's Certificate, was sent out to France in July, 1917. Just a month after, on August 10th, 1917, he was reported 'missing' and has never since been heard of.



HARRY ERNEST CHARLES BIEDERMANN

2ND LIEUTENANT J. H. BLOUNT

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (attached R.A.F.)

Rendalls 12²-16³

Aged 19

July 6th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of the late Major C. H. Blount, R.A., and of Mrs. Blount.
Football XI, 1916.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Blount, on passing out of Sandhurst, was gazetted to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in January, 1918, and was attached to the Royal Air Force in the following month. He had always been very keen on flying and passed his examinations in record time. His Commanding Officer, in speaking of him, said he was one of the finest pilots they had known. He was killed, on July 6th, 1918, while flying at Beverley, East Yorkshire.



JOHN HILLIER BLOUNT

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. E. T. BOLITHO, D.S.O.

Royal South Devon Yeomanry

Moretons 76'-81'

Aged 56

February 21st, 1919

ONLY son of William Bolitho, Banker, of Polwithen, Penzance, and of his wife, Mary Hichens Bolitho, *née* Young.

Cricket XI, 1880-1.

Trinity College, Oxford, B.A. 1885. Oxford University Cricket XI 1883 and 1885, being unable to play in 1884 owing to an injured knee.

Joined the family bank at Penzance, afterwards amalgamated with Barclay & Co., and was made a Director. J.P. for Cornwall. M.F.H. West Cornwall Hounds, with which he hunted all his life. Played cricket for Cornwall, the M.C.C., and the Harrow Wanderers, and toured with the English team in America in 1886.

Married, in 1888, Ethel Grace, second daughter of R. B. Æ. Macleod, of Cadboll, Invergordon Castle, Ross-shire, N.B., and leaves a daughter. His eldest son, Lieutenant T. Bolitho, 19th Hussars, was killed in action in France in May, 1915, during the Second Battle of Ypres.

Lieut.-Colonel Bolitho joined the Devon Yeomanry in 1889, and served in the 27th Co. Imperial Yeomanry in the South African War, in which he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the D.S.O. in 1901.

In August, 1914, he was on Remount duty in West Cornwall, after which he raised the 2/15 Royal South Devon Yeomanry and served in Devon, Norfolk, and in Ireland until Armistice Day. He went to Bath on sick leave in November, 1918, and had an operation in the following month from which he never recovered. He died on February 21st, 1919, from the illness brought on by constant strain and rough living in Ireland.

A Cornishman wrote of him :—

“I take off my hat to another gallant Cornishman, one of the best.”



WILLIAM EDWARD THOMAS BOLITHO

SERGEANT W. S. BOLTON

Royal Fusiliers

The Grove 98³-04²

Aged 34

February 7th, 1919

YOUNGEST son of the late Edgar Bolton, and of his wife, Charlotte Mary Bolton, of 11 West Eaton Place, S.W.

Monitor, 1904 : Head of his House.

Cricket XI, 1902-4 : Football XI, 1902-3.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1907. Qualified as a Solicitor and was in partnership with his brother, the late Lieutenant E. Trevor Bolton (O.H.), who was killed on April 10th, 1918, and whose record appears in Volume V.

Sergeant Bolton joined up as a Private in the 23rd Royal Fusiliers (Sportsman's Battalion), as soon as the War broke out, and went to the Front in November, 1915. He was wounded in the Battle of Beaumont Hamel in November, 1916. In the following year he was promoted Sergeant.

He died in London of septic pneumonia, contracted while on duty, on February 7th, 1919, after serving ever since the second day of the War.



WILLIAM SPROULE BOLTON

LIEUTENANT R. H. BONNIN

King's Own Scottish Borderers

The Headmaster's 11¹-16¹

Aged 21

August 24th, 1918

YOUNGER SON of Arthur Henry Bonnin (O.H.), of The Cottage, Ealing Common, and of his wife, Charlotte Mary Bonnin.

Monitor: Head of his House.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1916.

Lieutenant Bonnin was gazetted to the King's Own Scottish Borderers in October, 1916, and went to the Front in the following January. He was killed in action by the bursting of a shell at Happy Valley on August 24th, 1918. He was mentioned in Despatches on April 7th, 1918.

His Colonel wrote :—

"He had done most awfully well the whole of that day while the Germans were trying to counter-attack, never moving from his position, and holding them up. The Divisional General and the Brigadier to whom his Company was attached both knew of the splendid work he did. His body was brought down, and we buried him in the cemetery at Honnay."

In another letter the Colonel wrote :—

"As I told you before, your son did splendidly and I only wish he had lived to have obtained the recognition he would have been bound to have for his bravery during the two previous days."

General McDowall wrote :—

"He was always one of the best and most cheerful Officers and was a source of much encouragement to his men and to his brother-officers. I know that he fought his guns magnificently at Happy Valley on August 22nd, and it was through him that we were able to beat off a German attack. It was so hard that after doing so well he was not spared us."

His Captain wrote :—

"We are all lost without him, for he was the life and soul of this Company. During the whole of the two previous days we were in action together, and he did some wonderfully fine work, reaching our final objective with his guns on the first day, Thursday, ahead of the assaulting infantry, and on the same afternoon he played one of the chief parts in smashing a counter-attack with his section. When the Bosch came over he was reading 'Literary Lapses,' and when they told him what was happening he just looked up and said, 'All right, fire away then.'"



RONALD HOMFRAY BONNIN

MAJOR G. D. BROWN, M.C.

Wiltshire Regiment

The Headmaster's 002-052

Aged 31

April 14th, 1918

SECOND SON of James Wyld Brown, of Eastrop Grange, Highworth, Wilts, and of his wife, Primrose, daughter of Captain Kennedy, of Finnarts-Glenapp, Ayrshire.

Three of his brothers—all Old Harrovians—Captain E. F. Brown, 5th Wiltshire Regiment, Lieutenant D. C. Brown, Royal Scots, and Captain K. E. Brown, M.C., Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, all lost their lives in the War ; their records appear in Vols. IV, V and VI.

Monitor 1904-5.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, B.A. 1909.

Went to Ceylon as a Tea Planter in 1910 and became Manager of one of the Dimbula Valley Estates.

Major Brown enlisted in the Ceylon Contingent in September, 1914. He went to Egypt in the same year and was in action on the Suez Canal.

In the spring of 1915 he came to England and received a Commission in the Wiltshire Regiment.

He was killed by an 8-inch shell in the German attack at Bailleul on April 14th, 1918, while commanding the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers.

He was awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut.-Colonel Ogilvie, commanding 1st Wiltshire Regiment, wrote:—

“I was most terribly shocked to hear of the fate of dear old ‘Brownie,’ as he was generally called. He was one of my oldest friends in the Battalion and had also been one of our staunchest supports in all that terribly stiff fighting in both the early and later days. We are all under a deep debt of gratitude to him for all that he has done to maintain the really wonderful reputation of the old Battalion. His cheerfulness and bravery were an example to everyone . . . Knowing as an intimate friend what a splendid fellow ‘Brownie’ was, my heart goes out to you all the more.”



GERALD DICK BROWN

CAPTAIN K. E. BROWN, M.C.

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

The Headmaster's 09th-13th

Aged 22

April 12th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of James Wyld Brown, of Eastrop Grange, Highworth, Wilts, and of his wife, Primrose, daughter of Captain Kennedy, of Finnarts-Glenapp, Ayrshire.

Three of his elder brothers—all Old Harrovians—Major G. D. Brown, M.C., 1st Wilts, Captain E. F. Brown, 5th Wilts, Lieutenant D. C. Brown, Royal Scots, all lost their lives in the War; their records appear in Vols. IV, V and VI.

Entrance Scholar : Monitor. Cricket XI, 1914.

Captain Brown was intending to go up to Oxford and had already matriculated at Magdalen College, when the War broke out. In September, 1914, he received a Commission in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and, after training at Oxford, Chelmsford, and on Salisbury Plain, went to France with his Battalion in May, 1916. The following September he was awarded the Military Cross for rescuing a wounded Officer and some men, to accomplish which he had to go over the parapet four times under very heavy fire. In the spring of 1917 a Bar was added to the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in leading an attack.

On March 21st, 1918, north of St. Quentin, he led the counter-attacking Company of his Battalion, and, after rallying his men, or what was left of them, several times, he was shot through the left lung and became unconscious from loss of blood. When he came to he found himself a prisoner of war and died in a German hospital on April 12th.

Colonel Ames wrote :—

“ ‘ Mitty ’ is doing very well indeed, and accomplished a very good piece of work at the end of last month, when I sent him into No Man's Land to creep up to the German lines and see if there was a gap. He was out four and a half hours by himself, and he came back with valuable information. Later in the evening he went out several times under heavy fire and brought in dead and wounded after the raid. . . . The Brigadier was very much struck with his performance and made a note of it.”

His C.O. wrote :—

“ You know how well he had done, and how grateful I was to him for all his hard work while I was with the Battalion, and I know how universally he was loved and respected by all ranks who knew him. God rest his gallant soul.”



KENNETH EDWARD BROWN

CAPTAIN W. H. C. BROWNLOW

Northumberland Fusiliers

Druries 03³-06²

Aged 28

May 28th, 1918

ONLY son of Colonel Cecil Barry Brownlow, nephew of 1st Baron Lurgan, Indian Army retired, of The Old Well Cottage, Forest Row, Sussex, and of his wife, Minnie Blanche Brownlow.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1908.

Married, in 1916, Phyllis Shirley.

Captain Brownlow joined the 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers in 1909, and was sent to Dover, where he gained the Royal Humane Society's Vellum Certificate in July, 1910. He went out to India in 1913, and played Polo for his Regiment in the Infantry Polo Tournament and got a first spear Pigsticking at Patiala. He returned from India with his Regiment in December, 1914, and went to France in the following month with the 28th Division, being then promoted Captain. He was dangerously wounded in the head in an attack to retake a part of the trenches at Ypres, on February 21st, 1915, and, after months of serious illness and two severe operations, he joined the R.M.C., Sandhurst, as Staff-Captain, in August, 1916. He returned to France on May 15th, 1918, and joined the 12th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. On May 25th he was in command of part of the firing-line at the Battle of Mont St. Thierry, near Rheims, and on May 28th, while in charge of a force, fighting a rearguard action, was mortally wounded by a piece of shell. His last words were :— "Tell my people that I died with a smile on my face."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"Such a loyal boy and thorough sportsman and good man is a serious loss to a Regiment like ours. . . . He was so keen both at work and at play—a fine horseman, who would have made a brilliant polo player."

The Commandant, R.M.C., Sandhurst, wrote to his father :—

"I had a very real regard for your son, whose work and influence were of the best: unselfish, hard working, unsparing of himself, where the interests of the Cadets were concerned."

Another brother-officer wrote :—

"I always had a great admiration for Wilfrid, he was so straight, fearless, and such a good friend ; his high ideals always impressed us."

Another wrote :—

"I was with him in the early days in France and can say that he was a very gallant soldier, always ready to sacrifice himself in any way to help his men."



WILFRID HERBERT CECIL BROWNLOW

LIEUTENANT C. BRUCE

Highland Light Infantry

Moretons 06^a-10^t

Aged 26

September 5th, 1918

ELDER son of Patrick Chalmers Bruce, of Kinleith, Currie, Midlothian, and Baddinsgill, West Linton, Peebleshire, and of his wife, Lucy Walmsley Bruce.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Travelled in India and Ceylon and was then intending to enter his father's business.

Lieutenant Bruce was gazetted to the 9th Seaforth Highlanders in October, 1914, but as that Battalion was turned into a Pioneer Battalion, and only Engineer Officers were wanted, he joined the Black Watch. He was not passed medically fit for foreign service, but remained in the Black Watch until September, 1916, when he was transferred to the Highland Light Infantry. He went to France in December, 1917, to join the 14th Battalion and came home on leave in March, 1918, returning to France at the time of the Retreat. His Battalion was then disbanded and he joined the 6th Battalion in May. He was wounded in the head on August 27th, 1918, in the attack on Fontaine Croisilles, and died on September 5th, 1918, in hospital at Abbeville.

His Colonel wrote to his father :—

“While your son had not been with this Battalion long, he was no stranger to us and had any number of friends, all of whom admired him. He was not a mere unit—he was one of us, and on that account every Officer in the Battalion mourns with you and your family in your great loss.”

The Chaplain wrote :—

“Our Battalion was leading the attack for the second time on the Fontaine Croisilles position, and Bruce was in command of B Company. While the enemy resistance was not actually very strong, his barrage was heavy, and his machine gunners fought with great determination and did us a good deal of damage. . . . Everything your son had to do he did with gallantry and ability. We deeply regret losing him, for, although he was only with us a short time, he had won a place in the affection of the Battalion. We regarded him as a veteran; we were new to France, and he had seen much hard service and had come through many trying experiences.”



COLIN BRUCE

CAPTAIN W. R. BRUCE-CLARKE

Royal Air Force

High Street 002-053

Aged 32

December 1st, 1918

ONLY child of the late William Bruce-Clarke (O.H.), M.B.(Oxon), F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of 51 Harley Street, W., and of his wife, Effie Bruce-Clarke.

Monitor, 1905. Football XI, 1905.

Trinity College, Cambridge. Was at Liverpool University and then at the Airdale Foundry, Leeds. For some time before his death had been with the Trinidad Lake Asphalt Paving Co.

Married, in 1913, Ethel, daughter of Charles Hayden Cox, L.R.C.P., of Cottenham, and leaves one daughter.

Captain Bruce-Clarke joined the London Scottish in September, 1914, and afterwards transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He spent about three years in France and came home on leave on November 20th, 1918. Two days later he developed influenza and septic pneumonia followed. He was moved from Cottenham to the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, where he died on December 1st, 1918. He was buried at Cottenham with full military honours.

General R. Brooke-Popham wrote :—

"We were all so terribly sorry to hear about poor B. C. He had worked with us for so long that I shall hardly know how to get on without him. He was one of those invaluable people whom one could put on to any job with the certainty that it would be carried through."

General F. Festing, Air Ministry, wrote :—

"I knew your husband intimately all the time he was in France, and, in common with us all, I had the greatest admiration and affection for him. . . . Whatever he did he did with all his might. One knew that what he undertook would be carried through right to the end. The Air Force has lost a very fine Officer and a good friend."



WILLIAM ROBERT BRUCE-CLARKE

2ND LIEUTENANT E. F. C. BUDD

Royal Engineers (attached R.F.C.)

The Knoll 05³-08²

Aged 26

September 11th, 1917

ELDEST son of Martin Budd, Landing, Shipping and Forwarding Agent, of Lourenço Marques, Portuguese East Africa, and of his wife, Ada Budd. Mining Engineer in South Africa.

2nd Lieutenant Budd went to German East Africa with the Irish Regiment in October, 1914, returning in the following September. He then joined the Flying Corps, being attached to the 52nd Squadron, and was killed while acting as Observer on September 11th, 1917.

His Adjutant wrote :—

“Budd was on Artillery Observation and acting as Observer when he was attacked by four enemy scout machines. His Pilot was immediately killed, the machine descending of its own accord. Budd was meanwhile firing continuously, and it was found when the machine reached the ground that he had fired the whole of his ammunition. He was picked up unconscious and died within one hour. During the unequal fight he brought down one enemy machine. He was universally admitted to be one of our best Observers. He is a great loss to the Squadron.”

A brother-officer wrote to his father :—

“Your son went up yesterday as Observer for our Artillery with Lieutenant H. C. Smith as Pilot. They were attacked by German fighting machines and shot down after putting up a good fight. Your son died of wounds very soon after, and I do not think he suffered, as he was not conscious. Your son was very brave and always keen to fly. He was most popular with all his brother-officers. I am very sorry to lose him, as he was a valuable Officer and friend.”

Another brother-officer wrote :—

“Lieutenant Budd put up an excellent fight, as is evident by his bringing down his opponent. When his machine-gun was found, the barrel was blue with the heat from over 200 rounds he managed to fire. He was very much liked by his brother-officers, who feel his loss greatly.”



ERIC FRANK CORYDON BUDD

LIEUTENANT J. L. BULLOUGH

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

The Park 07²-11¹

Aged 22

September 25th, 1915

ELDEST son of Tom Bullough, of Fasnacloich, Argyll, and of his wife, Jessie Wilhelmina Bullough.

Jesus College, Cambridge. Rowed in the 1st Jesus Boat at Henley. Captain Jesus College Boat Club.

Lieutenant Bullough joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in August, 1914, and was sent to France in the following July. On September 25th, 1915, when leading his Platoon to the attack, he was seen to fall close to the enemy trench near La Bassée Canal.

A brother-officer wrote to his mother :—

"I am afraid I can hold out practically no hopes that your son is living, and it would be wrong to pretend otherwise. Your son was in command of my leading Platoon in the charge, and I myself saw him drop practically on the German wire and certainly he did not move again, and two men who were with him and who came back wounded are certain that he is dead. This was at 6.30 in the morning and we failed to get the trench owing to the massing of machine guns against us, so we did not get your son's body—it would have meant certain death to anyone who tried.

"The body, as far as I could see, was taken by the Germans that night, which they always do with Officers, for identification purposes. . . . Your son led his Platoon in the most gallant way possible, and it was merely that we stood no chance from the beginning owing to their machine guns and to our having to cross a narrow gap that stopped him taking the front trench. The few of us who are left miss him immensely for one gets to know people out here well, when one is always together, sharing dangers and amusements."

Another wrote :—

"I cannot sufficiently express my admiration of his bravery and the gallant way he led his men. When a check occurred in the advance he collected his men and took them forward in the way that only a very brave man, who is looked up to and admired by his men, can do, and it says a very great deal for your son's character that he should have so gained the men's admiration in so short a time. There are few of us left, I am afraid, but those who are will miss him very much, for a better comrade I don't know."



JOHN LEODIUS BULLOUGH

2ND LIEUTENANT J. O. BUTLER

Royal Air Force

The Headmaster's 12³-17¹

Aged 19

April 11th, 1918

ONLY son of the Rev. Robert Moore Peile Butler, of Priston Rectory, Bath, and of Mrs. Butler.

Monitor: Head of his House, 1916-17.

2nd Lieutenant Butler joined the Air Force on leaving School in April, 1917. He went to France in the following January and was reported missing on March 24th, 1918. He was mortally wounded on that day while flying over our own lines, and, when lifted out of his machine, he was found to be so badly hit that he had to be left behind, and was taken prisoner. He died on April 11th, 1918, in the Prisoner of War Hospital at Mons, and was buried in the Mons Municipal Cemetery.

His Captain wrote :—

“I remember very vividly the patrol on which Butler was missing. Six of us were doing great execution among large numbers of Huns on the ground south of Bapaume. We were so engrossed with shooting at people on the ground that we scarcely noticed several Albatross machines which were lurking in the clouds. Butler was seen attacking one of them whilst I was fighting an enemy two-seater. A few days later a message came through to No. 3 Squadron from a Major in the Naval Division who said he extricated Butler from his machine, but he was so seriously wounded in the back, and the enemy were so close to them, that he unfortunately had to be abandoned. I very much regret to say that this is all the news I have had of him. He was one of the very best pilots in my Flight. A day or two before, after a big fight, he collected and led several Naval Camels, and in another fight a few minutes afterwards, shot down an enemy Albatross, which crashed in our lines. He was so friendly to everyone, and, when all our pilots were very downhearted after the Hun push, he was so cheerful that he made us all less pessimistic.”



JOHN ORMONDE BUTLER

LIEUTENANT L. G. BYNG, M.C.

Grenadier Guards

High Street 02¹-06²

Aged 30

August 24th, 1918

SECOND SON of the late G. Byng and Mrs. Byng, of 32 Bryanston Square, W.

Electrical Engineer.

Lieutenant Byng joined the Royal West Kent Regiment early in 1914, transferring to the Grenadier Guards in 1917. He went to the Front in August, 1917, and served in France continuously until he died on August 24th, 1918. He was wounded whilst leading his Company in a most successful attack with, as his Commanding Officer wrote, "his accustomed gallantry." He died next day and was buried at Boiry-St-Martin.

The following account of how he gained the Military Cross is taken from the *Gazette* :—

"When information was urgently required as to the enemy's position and movements he went forward 600 yards into No Man's Land and, although he passed many large parties of the enemy who were crossing his line of advance, he succeeded in penetrating to the enemy's main position. He remained there observing for over six hours and returned with a prisoner and much valuable information. He showed splendid initiative, enterprise, and determination."

Lord Gort, Commanding 1st Grenadier Guards, wrote:—

"He was commanding a Company at the time and was attacking with his accustomed gallantry. I feel I have suffered a personal loss, as he had been at Harrow with me, and I was very glad to find him in this Battalion when I took over command. He was most popular with his brother-officers and was always in good spirits and invariably did his duty cheerfully and well."



LEONARD GUSTAV BYNG

CAPTAIN M. L. S. O. COLE

Royal Fusiliers

Church Hill 89³-92¹

Aged 39

September 14th, 1914

ELDER son of the late Captain Francis Barton Owen Cole, 7th Fusiliers, and of his wife, Mary Georgina Jane Cole.

Captain Cole joined the Royal Fusiliers in 1896, and served throughout the whole of the South African War, being present at the Relief of Ladysmith and various other engagements.

He went to the Front with his Regiment on August 14th, 1914, and was fighting continuously until on September 14th, 1914, when he was seriously wounded and reported 'missing.' He was picked up by the German Ambulance and nothing has since been heard of him.

Colonel H. R. McMahon wrote to his mother :—

"You will have heard before this of Mowbray's serious wound, received when he was leading his Company in the most gallant way. Unfortunately it was received when the Company was fighting in advance of the general line of our troops, and the wounded were picked up by the enemy. In consequence we can get no further information about him, but we are all filled with hope.

"Meanwhile we feel his loss very much indeed and long for his return. He was a tower of strength to the Regiment, and we can ill spare him.

"As far as I can ascertain the wound was on the left side of the head, but its extent is not known. The German Ambulance parties picked up the wounded."



MOWBRAY LYSTER STANLEY OWEN COLE

MAJOR J. G. COLLINS

Royal Highlanders

The Knoll 82nd-85th

Aged 47

September 27th, 1915

SON of Joseph Clarke Collins, of Ardsallagh, Navan, Co. Meath, and of his wife, Eleanor Gerrard.

Married the third daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Grenville-Charlton, and leaves a daughter.

Major Collins joined the Black Watch, at Gibraltar, in 1890, and became Adjutant of his Regiment. He served through the South African War, being promoted Captain in February, 1900, when he retired. On the outbreak of the War he rejoined as Captain in the Reserve of Officers and was appointed Major and Second-in-Command of the 8th Black Watch in October, 1914. On September 27th, 1915, he was reported as 'missing, believed killed,' under circumstances which are described in the following letter from his Adjutant to his widow :—

"I am extremely sorry to have to write and tell you Major Collins is missing, and I can hold out very little hope for you. I was not beside him myself when he was last seen, as I was in another part of the line, but I have questioned every possible man I can think of, and the ground where he was seen has been searched as much as possible, but as it was shortly afterwards in German hands, this could not really be satisfactorily accomplished.

"The facts as I have heard them are these : About 4.30 p.m. on the 27th of September, I left Major Collins to take a message from him to the General and we were at that time under heavy fire. . . . When I returned about an hour later, I found that the Germans had gained a footing between our part of the line and the place where I had left the Major, so I could not get to him, but some men who were with him, or near him, whom I questioned stated that they had seen the Major killed by a German bomb. However I refused to believe them and hoped for the best, but no further news or trace has been got, so I very much fear we must resign ourselves to accept the worst verdict. . . . Your husband commanded the Regiment from 7.30 a.m. on the 25th all that day and night through the fighting. . . . Through this trying and most critical time Major Collins commanded with the utmost ability and coolness, with no thought for his own personal safety, but only thinking of the welfare and honour of the Regiment under his command, and I may well say, as a proof of his work, the Regiment covered itself with glory and was commended by Sir John French personally. . . . A more gallant Officer never served in the ranks of the 42nd."



JOHN GERRARD COLLINS

CORPORAL R. P. COLLINS

14th London Regiment

High Street 04²-05³

Aged 24

October 30th, 1914

ELDEST son of Arthur Collins, Managing Director of Drury Lane Theatre, of Tythe Barn, St. George's Avenue, Weybridge.

Studied art at Hassall's School.

Corporal Collins joined the London Scottish on the outbreak of the War and went to France with his Regiment in September, 1914. He was reported 'missing' on October 30th, 1914, near Messines, when the London Scottish went into action, and his name was afterwards officialiy included among the killed.



RICHARD PELHAM COLLINS

CAPTAIN H. C. B. COTTAM, M.C.

Hampshire Regiment

The Knoll 04³-09²

Aged 27

September 30th, 1918

YOUNGEST SON of Horace James Cottam, and of his wife, Mary Bowman Cottam.

Caius College, Cambridge, B.A. 1912.

Married, in 1914, Elsie Florence, only daughter of H. Jones, of Ely, Cambridge.

Captain Cottam was gazetted to the 7th Hampshire Regiment in December, 1915, and, after training in various camps, went to France in October, 1916. He was invalided home the same month, suffering from dysentery and jaundice, and subsequently rejoined his old Battalion, as Assistant-Adjutant, at Sutton-Veny, Wilts. He was promoted Lieutenant in November, 1917, and in the following month went to Palestine, where he saw much fighting with the 2/4 Hants, 75th Division, which was afterwards sent to France and took part in the fighting on the Marne in the offensive of July 20th, 1918, between Soissons and Rheims. On July 30th, 1918, he was awarded the Military Cross "for conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. Under prolonged operations his coolness and courage under heavy fire had a marked and inspiring effect on his men on many occasions when they had suffered heavy casualties and were weary with hard fighting."

He came to England on his first leave on September 5th, returning to France on the 19th, and was killed by a sniper at Marcoing, whilst leading his Company forward to wipe up a nest of German machine guns on September 30th, 1918. He was buried at Havrincourt, the village which he had helped to capture a few days previously.

Lieut.-Colonel F. Brook, 2/4 Hampshire Regiment, wrote to his widow :—

"Your husband was one of the most gallant men I ever met, and we all loved as well as respected him. The loss to the Battalion is great. . . . I hope and pray that the knowledge of his gallantry will help you to bear the terrible blow."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"He was the perfect type of Officer, thinking more of the welfare of his junior Officers and men under him than of his own. I was twice in action with him, and he was literally fearless—he did not know what fear was. There is not an Officer or man in the Company who would not have done anything for him, and his death is the biggest blow the Battalion has had since I have been in it."



HORACE CHARLES BOWMAN COTTAM

CAPTAIN R. V. L. DALLAS, M.C.

Northumberland Fusiliers

West Acre 06³-11²

Aged 25

April 13th, 1918

ONLY son of Arthur Dallas, of Shanghai, Civil Engineer, and of Mrs. Dallas, of 45 Marlborough Mansions, Hampstead, N.W.

Football XI, 1911.

Went to Armstrong College to take up engineering.

On the outbreak of the War Captain Dallas was given a Commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers. He went to France with his Battalion in July, 1915, serving continuously with them until the time of his death, with the exception of a short period of service with the 12th Manchester Regiment, as Temporary Major and Second-in-Command. He was twice wounded and awarded the Military Cross in July, 1916, a Bar being added in March, 1918.

He was killed instantaneously by the explosion of a shell, when in action, on April 13th, 1918.

The Colonel wrote to his father :—

“The Bar to the M.C. was awarded to your son for his gallantry and for the good work he did on March 21st and 22nd. He commanded the foremost Company when we took up a position after the enemy had broken through our front line, and we came into action from reserve. It was largely due to his skilful dispositions and his determination that the attack was held up. He was twice buried by the explosions of big shells, but carried on until ordered to H.Q. for a rest.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“Your son always inspired the greatest confidence, not only in those beneath him, but also in his superior Officers.”

Another wrote :—

“In the whole line of death from Switzerland to the sea there was not, I know, a braver-hearted man, nor one who took his duties and responsibilities more seriously or more cheerfully.”



RAYMOND VIVIAN LESLIE DALLAS

CAPTAIN A. C. DAVIES

Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Elmfield 92²-96¹

Aged 38

August 10th, 1915

YOUNGEST son of Richard Davies, M.P. for Anglesey, 1869-1886, Lord-Lieutenant of Anglesey, 1884-1896, of Treborth, Bangor, and of his wife, Annie, only child of the Rev. Henry Rees.

Football XI, 1895.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1900.

Married, in March, 1908, Sisli, youngest daughter of Colonel Hampton Lewis, of Henllys and Badwe, Anglesey.

Captain Davies had served for some years with the Territorials before the War broke out. He went to Gallipoli with the 6th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers in July, 1915, and was reported 'missing' on August 10th, 1915. Since then no details of any kind have ever come to hand, and his death has been presumed on that date. He was last seen leading his men to an attack on Chocolate Hill, above the Salt Lake, a short way beyond the well called Ali Bay Cheshma.

Colonel P. W. Jones, 6th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers, wrote :—

"His loss was an irreparable one to me ; any work I wanted done was done at once and well. I could trust him to carry out anything in a highly efficient way. His men all loved him, and he led them on that terrible way as an English gentleman should."

One of his men wrote :—

"He was a good soldier. I have never seen anybody as cool as he was. He advanced into the firing-line with his pipe in his mouth, and a walking-stick in his hand, as cool as anything."

Another of his men wrote :—

"The last command I heard him giving was, 'Come on boys, on them, be Welshmen.' So then we charged. If anything has happened to him, I am very sorry, as he was just the sort of man I would have followed anywhere, as he would never ask you to do a thing he would not do himself."



ARTHUR CHARLES DAVIES

2ND LIEUTENANT B. C. DAVIS

London Regiment

West Acre 12²-17¹

Aged 19

August 22nd, 1918

YOUNGER son of the late Felix A. Davis (O.H.), Barrister-at-Law, and of Mrs. Davis, of 18 Upper Hamilton Terrace, London, N.W.

Caius College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Davis was gazetted to the 7th London Regiment, from the XXIst O.C.B., in January, 1918. He went to France in the following April, where, after a short period with the 8th London Regiment, he was transferred to the 1/22 London Regiment. He died about midday on August 22nd, 1918, of wounds received in action on the morning of that day, when leading his Platoon in an attack over the Happy Valley, near Albert.



BRIAN CHARLES DAVIS

LIEUTENANT G. C. DAVIS

Northumberland Fusiliers

The Park 082-113

Aged 23

May 11th, 1918

FOURTH son of the late Robert Davis, M.R.C.S., and of Mrs. Davis.

Was articled as a clerk to Mr. Harry James Shepard, Solicitor, of 40 Chancery Lane.

His brother, Captain W. J. Davis (O.H.), Northumberland Fusiliers, a notice of whom appears in Vol. III, was killed on June 30th, 1916.

Lieutenant Davis joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. in November, 1914, and obtained a Commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers in February, 1915. He went to the Front in the following April and was twice invalided home with trench fever, each time serving in the Reserve Battalion, until fit for general service again. He died on May 11th, 1918, at a Casualty Clearing Station, from wounds received in action on April 11th, at Fouguevilliers.

His Colonel wrote:—

“Guy was one of my subalterns when I was a Company Commander in 1915, and has done many a good turn for me during some most trying times. I always considered that he had, if anything, done more than his share.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“We miss him for so many things—especially his wit and cheerfulness in dangerous and trying situations. He had such a fine influence on his men.”



GUY CLIFTON DAVIS

CAPTAIN T. V. BARTLEY DENNISS

Royal Berkshire Regiment

West Acre 05³-10²

Aged 26

August 28th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of Edmund Robert Bartley Denniss, Barrister-at-Law, M.P. for Oldham, of Belmont, Uxbridge, and of his wife, Margaret Ellen Denniss.

Monitor, 1910. Cadet Officer, 1910.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1910.

Captain Bartley Denniss received his Commission in the 1st Royal Berkshire Regiment in October, 1911. He went to France with the original Expeditionary Force on August 12th, 1914, and passed four winters in the trenches. He was wounded in the arm at the Battle of Mons, being one of the first to be wounded on the British side. In October, 1914, he was promoted Lieutenant. At the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, on March 10th, 1915, he was again wounded by a fragment of a shell, which penetrated his face to the base of the skull, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. However he still kept on, and, in August, 1915, he received the rank of Captain and was very soon made Temporary Major, and then in April, two years later, passed the Senior Officers' course at Aldershot. Three months later he was appointed Second-in-Command of the 5th Battalion, and in the following October held the rank of Acting Lieut.-Colonel in command of the 5th Battalion. In the following month he was present at the Battle of Cambrai, when the successful advance was made. In April, 1918, he commanded and personally led the 5th Battalion at the Battle of Albert and during that month was appointed to command the 12th Divisional Wing. In July, 1918, he was invalided home and died suddenly, in hospital in England, on August 28th, 1918, from cerebral haemorrhage, following the gunshot wound received at Neuve Chapelle in March, 1915.

He was mentioned in Despatches and recommended for the D.S.O., and it was understood that he would again have been recommended.

The following are extracts from letters received from his Colonel and a brother-officer :—

“As a soldier he was quite exceptional, as a man he was loved by all he came in contact with. His death is a great blow to all ranks in the Battalion.”

“He was the sort of man who did not care a bit for popularity, or for what others thought of him. He always worked as hard as he could for the men under him and for the Regiment in general.”



THOMAS VIVIAN BARTLEY DENNIS

PRIVATE THE REV. L. K. DIGBY

Norfolk Regiment

The Park 97³-02²

Aged 34

October 18th, 1918

ONLY son of Reginald Digby (O.H.), of Geashill Castle, King's Co., Ireland, and of his wife, Caroline Grace Digby.

Monitor, 1902.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, B.A. 1906, M.A. 1909, was ordained in 1908: Curate of St. Andrew's, Bordesley, Birmingham, for seven years, and Rector of Littleshall, Swaffham, Norfolk, for three years.

Private Digby joined the 7th Norfolk Regiment and went to the Front in September, 1918. He died of wounds in a Field Ambulance, at Faumont, on October 18th, 1918, and was buried in Raimbeaucourt Cemetery.

A Private in his Platoon wrote:—

"I was in the same hut during training, and I can assure you that he was very popular with all the chaps in the hut, and he did not like it when he was treated different to anyone else."

Another wrote:—

"He was loved and respected by all and his death was keenly felt, especially by those who were with him all the time he was in the Forces."

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

"I trust you will allow me to express to you my very real and deep personal feeling of admiration for the self-sacrificing and distinguished action of your son, both in voluntarily offering himself and his services for his King and country, and still more for having the great pluck to keep his antecedents and his position unknown."

The Chaplain wrote:—

"Short as his stay with us was, he still achieved a very fine work. We have now let his comrades know who he was, and the fact that he willingly underwent the hardships of a soldier's life and faced death as unflinchingly as the most tried has stirred them all. This will surely be an influence on them that will last."



LIONEL KENELM DIGBY

MAJOR H. J. DRESSER

Cheshire Regiment

Church Hill 98³-99²

Aged 33

June 2nd, 1918

ELDER son of John Henry Dresser, Solicitor, of 21 Porchester Square, London, W., and of his wife, Angela Dresser.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in February, 1911, Meta Mary, only daughter of the late J. Reid, of 9 Norfolk Crescent, London, W., and leaves two daughters.

Major Dresser joined the Royal West Kent Regiment in April, 1904, but resigned in 1913, and went to Canada. He returned to England in August, 1914, and was appointed to the 7th East Surrey Regiment. He went to France in June, 1915, and was wounded in the following October. A year later he was gazetted Captain in the Cheshire Regiment. He was killed by a shell, on June 2nd, 1918, while commanding the 15th Cheshire Regiment, as Acting Major, and was buried at Harponville, near Albert.

His Commanding Officer wrote to his widow :—

“Although Major Dresser had only been with us a short time, he had made many friends and was popular with all ranks. He won everybody’s admiration in the line by his energetic methods and his personal bravery. General Turner told me that Major Dresser was a very brave man and always on his job.”

The Adjutant of the 15th Cheshire Regiment wrote to his father :—

“He knew absolutely no fear, and no Officer could have been more considerate of the comfort of his men. His loss has been severely felt by everyone in the Battalion, as a finer British soldier and gentleman than your son has never served with us.”



HARRY JEX DRESSER

LIEUTENANT H. G. B. DRUMMOND, M.C.

Scots Guards

Elmfield 12¹-15²

Aged 20

September 3rd, 1918

ONLY SON of Major Archibald S. Drummond (O.H.), late Scots Guards, of The Chantry, Bisley, Stroud, and of Mrs. Drummond, daughter of J. W. Burns, of Kilmahew Cardross, Dumbartonshire.

Both his grandfather and great-grandfather on the father's side were Old Harrovians.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Drummond was given a Commission in the Scots Guards on passing out of Sandhurst and went to the Front in August, 1917.

He was killed in action by the explosion of a shell at Lagnicourt, on September 3rd, 1918, while leading the Right Flank Company of which he was in command.

He was posthumously awarded the Military Cross for his action on August 21st, 1918, which is thus described by Sir Victor Mackenzie, D.S.O., commanding 1st Battalion Scots Guards:—

“On the 21st August, 1918, during the attack on Moyenville, when his Company Commander had been wounded, he assumed command of the Company. Though a very thick mist prevailed, he reached his final objectives and was untiring in his successful efforts at reorganizing his Company and consolidating the position gained under heavy shell fire. He was an example of bravery and coolness to all ranks. He showed the highest powers of leadership and was largely instrumental in the capture of two machine guns with their teams which were causing him casualties.”

Colonel J. W. Smith Neill, D.S.O., Commanding the Scots Guards Regiment at Head Quarters, wrote:—

“Gerald has done just splendidly ever since he joined, and out in France he has gone ahead and never once done anything but excellently. His reports from his Commanding Officer have always been so splendid, and he is the greatest possible loss to the Regiment—quite one of our most promising boys, and I looked upon him as a great stand-by.”

This also is from Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie:—

“The whole Battalion feels his loss enormously. He was most popular with both Officers and men, and was a valuable and capable Officer.”



HARVEY GERALD BURNS DRUMMOND

CAPTAIN H. B. FARQUHAR

London Regiment

The Grove 88²-92²

Aged 42

May 22nd, 1916

YOUNGEST son of the late Admiral Sir Arthur Farquhar, K.C.B., of Drumnagesk, Aboyne, N.B.

Trinity College, Cambridge, 1892.

Married, in 1904, Ida Violet, daughter of the late Sir John Wolfe Barry, K.C.B., and leaves a son and three daughters.

Captain Farquhar went out to South Africa in 1895 and served as a gunner in the Matabele Campaign of 1896, and in the South African War with General Plumer's Force until the Relief of Mafeking, being subsequently given a Commission in Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. From 1904 to 1912 he held the post of District Auditor under the Local Government Board and, in 1913, became an Inspector of Audits under the National Health Insurance Scheme.

He volunteered in September, 1914, and was given a Commission in the 15th Battalion London Regiment (Civil Service Rifles). He went to France in March, 1915, and was reported 'wounded and missing' on May 22nd, 1916, during a night attack at Vimy Ridge, since when no further news of him has been obtainable.



HOBART BROOKS FARQUHAR

CAPTAIN P. ST. G. FINDLATER

Royal Army Service Corps

Druries 96¹-96³

Aged 36

March 27th, 1918

SECOND son of Sir William Findlater, Solicitor, and of Lady Findlater, of 22 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, and Fernside, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

Trinity College, Dublin, B.A., B.A.I., 1903.

Engineer.

Captain Findlater joined the Army Service Corps and went to France in September, 1915, where he remained without a break until he was killed on March 27th, 1918, by a stray shell, during the retreat near Amiens. He was at the time inspecting his horse lines during rather heavy shelling, when he was hit by a fragment of a shell in the right shoulder and instantaneously killed.



PERCIVAL ST. GEORGE FINDLATER

2ND LIEUTENANT C. A. G. FITCH

Royal Garrison Artillery

High Street 13¹-17²

Aged 19

September 18th, 1918

ONLY son of Sir Cecil Fitch, K.B.E. (late Lieut.-Colonel R.W.F.), Barrister-at-Law, of Gordon Dene, Princes Road, Wimbledon Park, S.W., and of his wife, Lillian, Lady Fitch, daughter of Colonel Alexander Gordon, of Hamilton, Ohio, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Monitor: Head of the House. Shooting VIII. Won Torpid Cup twice and the Silver Arrow Competition.

Matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

2nd Lieutenant Fitch went to France in March, 1918, and was gazetted to the 260 Siege Battery, R.G.A. (6th Howitzers). He died, on September 18th, 1918, of wounds received in action the same day at Jeancourt, just in front of the Hindenburg Line, after having been in every action in the Allies' great offensive from the time he went out.

Major J. W. Tompkins wrote to his father:—

"Your boy had a rough time. About half an hour before he received his wound he had his other gun detachment knocked out. He was nobly doing his duty at the time and by his presence inspiring his men to serve his second gun under trying conditions. . . . I loved your boy and I trusted him with very responsible duties which always proved his capability, and, although he was so young, his personality was so great that he held his men in the hollow of his hand, and they all liked and respected him. . . . We often had many narrow shaves together, shells bursting so near and covering us with earth, and Alex would only laugh and say—'Not near enough this time, Sir.'"

Another Officer wrote:—

"Although many years his senior I became very much attached to him. He always showed the greatest pluck and grit. He was always cheerful, even when conditions were as miserable and trying as they could be. During some of the recent shows the work called for a good deal of energy and resourcefulness, and these characteristics were never lacking in Alex Fitch. The C.O. and I went to Brie and put a cross at the head of his grave. All the men of the battery would feel honoured in doing anything in memory of your son. This cross was made by them. Our hearts went out to you as the C.O. and I stood in that bare soldiers' cemetery and saluted by the dead boy's grave. The nobility of the boy's life and the courage with which he met his death will, I hope, sustain you."



CECIL ALEXANDER GORDON FITCH

LIEUTENANT I. C. GASCOIGNE

Grenadier Guards

The Headmaster's 11³-15²

Aged 19.

April 12th, 1918

ONLY son of Captain Gascoigne, Seaforth Highlanders, of 7 Culford Gardens, S.W., and The Warren, Old Catton, Norwich, and of Mrs. Gascoigne.

Fly-Weight Champion Boxer, 1914.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Gascoigne was gazetted to the Grenadier Guards on passing out of Sandhurst, and went to the Front in October, 1916. He was hit by a sniper on April 6th, 1918, while in command of his Company, and died six days afterwards in No. 6 Stationary Hospital, Frévent.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

“I regarded him as an Officer of great promise, and he was commanding a Company when he was hit.

“Personally I feel I have lost one of the best Officers in my Battalion and a friend as well. He was always cheerful under all circumstances and never knew what fear was.”

His former Commanding Officer wrote:—

“I am too awfully sorry. He joined the 1st Battalion when I was commanding, and he really was a most splendid young boy, full of life, keenness, and ability. He will be a great loss to the Regiment, as well as to his many friends, both young and old.”



IVO CLIFTON GASCOIGNE

MAJOR E. N. GILLIAT, M.C.

16th Canadian Scottish

Small Houses 95°-99°

Aged 35.

August 12th, 1918

ONLY son of the late Rev. E. Gilliat, Assistant Master at Harrow School for thirty years and House Master at Byron House, and of Mrs. Gilliat.

On leaving Harrow, Major Gilliat volunteered for the South African War and served in South Africa with the East Yorks, receiving the Queen's Medal with three Clasps. He then went out to Canada and settled in Vancouver City, B.C. He came over with the 1st Canadian Contingent and went to the Front early in 1915. He was present at the Second Battle of Ypres, Hill 70, and Vimy Ridge, and, though wounded on three occasions, was in all the other big engagements in which the Canadians took part. He was seriously wounded by the bursting of a shell as he had just given the order to 'stand to,' and died almost at once in the Casualty Clearing Station near Beaufort, Amiens, on August 12th, 1918.

The *London Gazette* of October 15th, 1917, contained the following account of the service for which he won the Military Cross :—

"Captain (Acting-Major) E. N. Gilliat. He led his Company in the assault with the greatest dash and courage, exposing himself recklessly and thinking only of the success of the action. Having consolidated his front with great rapidity, he remained in command under heavy artillery fire until seriously wounded."



EDWARD NORMAN GILLIAT

LIEUT.-COLONEL P. M. GLASIER, D.S.O.

Queen's Westminster Rifles

Moretons 03²-07²

Aged 28

June 2nd, 1918

YOUNGEST SON of the late G. H. Brougham Glasier, of Edgecombe Hall, Wimbledon, and of the late Mrs. Glasier.

Joined his father's Firm, Messrs. Glasier and Sons, Chartered Surveyors, of which he became a Partner in 1911, and was a Professional Associate of the Surveyors Institution.

Took a great interest in the Harrow Mission and was a constant visitor to the Boys' Club there, and for five years attended their annual summer camp.

Lieut.-Colonel Glasier, who had been gazetted to the Queen's Westminster Rifles in 1911, went out with the 1st Battalion as a Lieutenant, in November, 1914. He was wounded in the head and arm at Hooge in June, 1915, but rejoined his Battalion in October. He was again wounded in the arm and legs in July, 1916, at Gommecourt, rejoining his Battalion in the following November as Second-in-Command. In August, 1917, he took over the command of his Battalion.

He was three times mentioned in Despatches, and won the D.S.O. for gallantry at Cambrai in November, 1917. The *Gazette* said of him :—

“By his personal energy and leadership he succeeded in assembling his Battalion in a shallow trench very close to the enemy. The subsequent attack was most successful, resulting in the capture of more than seventy of the enemy, three machine guns, and a trench mortar. Prior to the attack, he had with persistence and resource organized a series of most successful offensive patrols in which prisoners were taken and serious losses inflicted on the enemy.”

He was killed in action at Arras on June 2nd, 1918.



PHILIP MANNOCK GLASIER

LIEUT.-COLONEL C. HUNTLY GORDON

East Kent Regiment

The Grove 69²-71³

Aged 53

November 25th, 1918

ELDEST son of Colonel Charles Vincent Gordon, Madras Staff Corps, and of his wife the late Emma Godwin, of Lee, Kent.

Married the late Ida Mary, daughter of Colonel Ford.

Lieut.-Colonel Gordon joined the Buffs in 1874 and was first stationed at the Curragh. He then went out to Natal and served in the Zulu War, receiving the Medal and one Clasp. He passed the Staff College and was D.A.A.I. for Musketry at Plymouth from 1895 to 1897. He then served in India and was subsequently on the Staff in Barbadoes from 1903 to 1905, when he retired from the Army.

He rejoined his Regiment at the outbreak of the War, but was precluded by his health from going to the Front. He died at Rogate after a long illness on November 25th, 1918.



COSMO HUNTLY GORDON

2ND LIEUTENANT R. G. GORDON

Royal Sussex Regiment

West Acre 12³-16²

Aged 19

September 18th, 1918

YOUNGER son of the late Granville D. Gordon (O.H.), of Shalesbrooke, Forest Row, Sussex, and of Mrs. Granville Gordon.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Gordon was gazetted to the Royal Sussex Regiment in the spring of 1918, being sent to a Reserve Battalion of his Regiment for a short time. He went to the Front on July 31st, 1918, where he joined the 2nd Battalion. During his short period of active service he was in very heavy fighting, and his Battalion was constantly engaged. He was killed on September 18th, 1918, near St. Quentin, leading his Platoon in a night attack, being shot through the head and instantly killed.

His Colonel wrote to his mother :—

“I deeply regret that your son lost his life leading his Platoon in a night attack. I met one of his men who was with him at the time, and he told me how your boy was leading the Platoon, when machine guns opened heavy fire on the other section. According to the man’s account your boy said : ‘ That’s our objective and I’m going to get there ’—he then rose and called on his men to follow him, but, though it was a most gallant deed, the enemy’s fire was too much, and the lad was soon hit. . . . I do hope you may find consolation in thinking of the fine spirit of that boy. I can only tell you I am very proud of him, and I know that a boy who showed that spirit in action must have helped greatly to enthuse that same spirit into his men by which the Battalion has won three big successes in the past week. . . . I must add that I held a very high opinion of your boy, even before that day’s battle, and I feel his loss very much indeed.”

In his last letter home, written the day before his death, he said that he was “having the time of his life.”



RONALD GRANVILLE GORDON

MAJOR W. GOWANS
King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

The Knoll 87³-92³

Aged 41

May, 1915

SON of W. Gowans, M.D., of South Shields, and of Mrs. Gowans.
Football XI, 1891-2 : Shooting VIII, 1891-2.

Major Gowans joined the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from the Militia in 1895, and became Captain in 1901, and Major in 1914. He served in the South African War, taking part in the operations in the Transvaal, west of Pretoria, and in the Orange River Colony, from May to the end of November, 1900, including the actions at Lindley, Bethlehem, and Wittebergen, and in other operations in Cape Colony and the Transvaal up to March, 1901. He received the Queen's Medal and four Clasps.



WILLIAM GOWANS

2ND LIEUTENANT J. HARDY

Royal Air Force

The Grove 03³-08²

Aged 28

October 21st, 1918

YOUNGEST son of the late George Hardy, of Pickering Lodge, Timperley, Cheshire, and of his wife, Ada Elizabeth Hardy.

Caius College, Cambridge, 1908.

Married, in 1914, Francis E. Cunliffe Goodall, only daughter of the late Rev. Charles Goodall, of High Lane, Cheshire.

2nd Lieutenant Hardy was not accepted for the Army, owing to weakness left from rheumatic fever, until May, 1916, when he joined the Army Service Corps as a Private. He obtained a Commission as Equipment Officer in the R.F.C. in October, 1917, but was not passed for foreign service until July, 1918. He left for France at the end of that month and went to No. 8 Aircraft Park, Dunkirk, as Equipment Officer. He died from pneumonia following influenza on October 21st, 1918, in Queen Alexandra Hospital, Dunkirk, after a few days' illness.

His Commanding Officer wrote to his widow :—

"Your husband was loved and esteemed by us all, and we feel his loss very deeply indeed. He was a fine type of British Officer, and his work was always excellent and most reliable."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"He was loved by all, and especially by the men. He was the leader in all sports and helped all he knew to give the men as good a time as possible."

The Chaplain wrote :—

"Your husband was one of the very best of men. I only joined the R.F.A. three weeks ago, but soon learned to respect and admire him. The former Chaplain told me of him, and I was looking forward to his help and advice."



JACK HARDY

LIEUTENANT E. HARTLEY

Lancashire Fusiliers

Druries 08²-13²

Aged 23

May 18th, 1918

YOUNGER son of William Harry Hartley, Solicitor, of Hoarstones, Burnley, Lancashire, and of his wife, Gertrude Hartley. His elder brother, Lieutenant C. Hartley (O.H.), R.F.A., whose record appears in Volume V, was killed in action on September 1st, 1917.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

Married, in 1917, Barbara, only daughter of George Haye, of Trevear, Wellington College.

Lieutenant Hartley, who was at Oxford when the War broke out, at once took the short emergency course at Sandhurst, and received his Commission in November, 1914. He went to France in April, 1915, and was seriously wounded in the Second Battle of Ypres. He returned to duty in January, 1916, being attached to the 2/7 West Yorkshire Regiment, subsequently rejoining the Reserve Battalion of his own Regiment at Hull. He returned to France in September, 1916, and was wounded a second time in the Battle of the Somme in the following October. After having again spent several months in hospital in England he returned to France in January, 1917, and in April took part in the Battle of Arras. After leading his men, as Acting Captain, to their objective on the Scarpe, he was wounded on the following day for the third time by a bullet which passed through his left lung, just missing his heart. He made a wonderful recovery and then at his own urgent request he went back again to France in February, 1918. In his letters he referred to the Battalion having done great things and to the men as being 'wonderful' and 'beyond all praise,' while his Division, the 4th, was specially mentioned in Despatches for withstanding the German offensive at Arras, on Vimy Ridge, and later at Robecq. He was killed by a shell on May 18th, 1918, while in command of a working party near Robecq.

Major Kirkby wrote :—

"He was very highly thought of, and his loss is also a deep blow to the Battalion. . . . He was out with a working party behind our third line and was killed instantaneously by a high-explosive shell, which burst very near him, whilst he was superintending the work. The shelling has been rather heavy lately. . . . I took over the command of the Battalion only this morning after Colonel Watkins had been wounded and feel very proud of having such a command, but would be happier if your good soldier husband had been spared."



EDMUND HARTLEY

2ND LIEUTENANT C. HARTREE

Royal Garrison Artillery

The Park 93²-97¹

Aged 38

May 29th, 1918

SECOND SON of William Hartree, Civil Engineer, of Havering, Tunbridge Wells, and of his wife, Kathleen Hartree.

Monitor, 1896, Leaf Scholar, 1897.

Caius College, Cambridge (Scholar), B.A., 1900. Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn, 1903. Member of the Swiss Alpine Club.

2nd Lieutenant Hartree joined the Artists' Rifles in July, 1916, and received his Commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery in December of that year. He acted as Adjutant, with the temporary rank of Captain, in the Summer of 1917, and was then sent to Egypt and Palestine. In May, 1918, he was sent to France and had only been there a fortnight, when, on May 29th, 1918, he was killed by a chance shell on his way up to his guns with two A.S.C. drivers.

Major Bingham, 201st Siege Battery, wrote to his father :—

"Your son had only been with us for three months, but we were all very fond of him, and his loss is very much felt in the Battery. He was a very capable Officer and was of the greatest assistance to me on the way home from Egypt, when he acted as my Adjutant. He was always cheery . . . We shall miss him more than I can say."

Mr. Justice Younger, referring on June 6th, 1918, to his death, said that he could hardly trust himself to speak of Mr. Hartree, with whom he had been closely associated at the Bar, but could not allow the occasion to pass without paying some tribute to his memory. He joined up immediately the clear call came. They would always remember him for his sterling character, sweet disposition, unfailing charm, and ready and constant help. Lincoln's Inn to many of them would never be the same place again. He had given his life for them all and had made the great sacrifice. It was for them to try and show themselves worthy.



CYRIL HARTREE

CAPTAIN F. H. HODGSON

Royal Air Force

Rendalls 103-142

Aged 22

November 19th, 1918

SECOND SON of C. H. Hodgson (O.H.), Assistant Master at Sherborne School, of Wharton, Sherborne, Dorset, and of the late Mrs. Hodgson.

Entrance Scholar, Lower School Prize for Shakespeare, Roundell Leaving Scholarship, Demyship in Natural Science at Magdalen College, Oxford, 1914.

Captain Hodgson was prevented by an attack of appendicitis from joining up immediately on the outbreak of War, but as soon as he recovered he joined Beatty's Aviation School at Hendon and obtained a Commission in the R.F.C. in January, 1916. After training at Brooklands and Croydon and obtaining his 'Wings,' he was sent to France with No. 15 Squadron in May, 1916. In the following September, during the Battle of the Somme, he was wounded in eleven places in an air fight with a Fokker, but managed to bring his machine down safely behind our lines—a particularly brilliant feat. After recovery and a course of light duty at Farnborough, he was again sent out to France with No. 4 Squadron in July, 1917, and towards the close of the year was appointed Flight Commander.

He was mentioned in Despatches in February, 1918, and in the following October, after a rest in England, he returned to France with No. 35 Squadron and was again wounded in November. After the signing of the Armistice he was appointed to an independent Command of 'O' Flight to proceed to Germany. On November 19th he was trying a Rolls-Bristol plane at Elincourt, and, as he was taking off, his engine 'cut out,' causing him to bump on a slight elevation. He continued to rise and at about two hundred feet his machine collapsed and crashed, killing him instantaneously.

His C.O. wrote :—

"I had especially asked for him from home, and though he had only been with me a short time, I had fully appreciated how gallant an Officer he was, and all the fine work he was doing. Apart from this, he was extraordinarily likeable and possessed to a high degree that personal charm which binds a man to his friends. Our loss is great."

His House Master at Harrow wrote :—

"There is double pathos in the thought that so brilliant and promising a career should be cut short by an accident, after the fighting was over. To Harrow he is a great loss, as he had received from the Head Master an offer to join the Staff of Masters after the War."



FRANCIS HERBERT HODGSON

CAPTAIN T. E. HOLLAND, M.C.

The Rifle Brigade

Druries 03²-08²

Aged 29

January 11th, 1919

ELDEST son of Percy Holland (O.H.), of 57 Cadogan Gardens, S.W., and of his wife, the late Marian Tyrrel Holland.

Monitor, 1907.

Trinity College, Oxford, B.A., 1912. Joined the Firm of Holland and Sherry, Woollen Merchants, in which he became a Partner.

Married, in July, 1915, Cecil Louisa Marie, only daughter of the late Admiral Sir Algonon Heneage, G.C.B., and leaves a son.

Captain Holland was gazetted to the 12th Battalion The Rifle Brigade shortly after the outbreak of the War and went with his Battalion to France in July, 1915. He was the senior Officer, unwounded, of his Battalion at the Battle of Loos and received the Legion of Honour for his services there. He was wounded shortly afterwards and invalided home to England, where he served as A.D.C. to Sir Archibald Hunter at Aldershot from November, 1915, to September, 1917, when, being passed fit for active service, he rejoined his Battalion. He was again severely wounded on March 25th, 1918, and received the Military Cross for 'his great initiative in controlling and steadying his men, during five days' retirement.' On recovering from his wound he was appointed to the Demobilization Department of the War Office, where he was working up to the time of his death. He died on January 11th, 1919, of pneumonia, at 13 Eaton Place, London, S.W.



TYRREL EVELYN HOLLAND

LIEUTENANT F. H. HOLT

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Elmfield 12¹-15³

Aged 20

August 22nd, 1918

ELDER son of Mr. and Mrs. Follett Holt, of 6 Sussex Square.
R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Holt was given a Commission in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry on passing out of Sandhurst in July, 1916. During the following year he was twice in France, was promoted Lieutenant in January, 1918, and in the same month attached to a Battalion of the Tank Corps, acting for some time as Adjutant. In the following June he again went to France and was in the heavy fighting at the end of July, and in August in the advance on Cambrai, where he fell on August 22nd, 1918.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“During the time that I knew Follett I was struck by his gentleness, his love of animals, and the wonderful way he had of making friends. He was such a typical English boy and possessed that charm of manner which immediately kindles friendship. This was not only with Officers of his own rank and age: he was a favourite of all—his love of life, and joy in everything that he did, won for him the immediate friendship of all with whom he came in contact. He was devoid of all malice and was invariably kind-natured and generous. I never remember his saying anything unkind about others, and, although always light-hearted and gay, I know he was a thoughtful and sensitive fellow.”

Captain J. D. Ritchie, Tank Corps, wrote:—

“On the 22nd we went forward in the attack just to the north of Bray, and it fell to Follett's lot to carry up some supplies to the Infantry under devastating barrage. When I gave him his instructions he was very cheerful and called his crew together and set off on the fatal journey in good spirits. He was always more than ready to do his bit and was disappointed when the Fates gave him a soft job.

Captain F. Urwin Mann, Tank Corps wrote :—

“His brother-officers were proud of him, and he was loved by his men. . . . His end was painless and he died leading his men and doing his duty unflinchingly.”



FOLLETT HALLETT HOLT

LIEUTENANT E. G. DE L. HOPCRAFT

Middlesex Regiment

The Knoll 003-062

Aged 31

September 27th, 1918

ONLY son of Ernest Hopcraft, J.P., Northants, of Brackley, and Middleton Cheney, Northants, and of his wife, Mary Hopcraft.

Jesus College, Cambridge, Exhibitioner in History, B.A.

Lieutenant Hopcraft went to the Front with the 13th Middlesex Regiment in May, 1916, and fought in the First Battle of the Somme. He was afterwards sent to Palestine, being drafted to the 20th London Regiment, and was present in many engagements there. On the termination of that campaign he returned to France in July, 1918, and ultimately fell on September 27th, 1918, while attacking a German machine-gun in the Hindenburg Line, on Flesquières Hill, near Marcoing and Cambrai, where he is buried.



ERNEST GEORGE DE LATHOM HOPCRAFT

PRIVATE W. I. HORNBY

Australian Imperial Force

Druries 93²-94²

Aged 40

November 5th, 1918

SECOND son of A. N. Hornby (O.H.), of Parkfield, Nantwich, Cheshire, and of Mrs. Hornby.

Was ranching in Australia.

Private Hornby had previously been a Lieutenant in the 4th (Militia) Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, and served in the South African War. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the beginning of the War and was sent to Egypt, then to Gallipoli, and lastly to France. He was shot in the firing line while attending to his machine-gun and died of his wounds on November 5th, 1918, at Oxford.



WALTER INGRAM HORNBY

CAPTAIN P. HURLBUTT, M.C.

Montgomeryshire Yeomanry

Druries 92¹-94²

Aged 40

June 8th, 1918

FOURTH son of the late Henry Hurlbutt, of Queensferry Hall, Flintshire, and of the late Mrs. Hurlbutt.

Land Agent to the Brynllwarch and Leighton Estates.

Captain Hurlbutt joined the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry in August, 1914, and was sent to Egypt in March, 1916, and from there to Palestine, where on the night of June 17th, 1917, he won the Military Cross 'for conspicuous gallantry' during a bombing raid.

In the following December he was invalided home, having contracted fever, from the effects of which he died on June 8th, 1918.

His Colonel wrote:—

"We have all lost a dear good friend, and I feel his loss very acutely, as we were so much together last summer on Mansura Ridge, in front of Gaza, when he was acting so efficiently for three months as my Adjutant. During this time he won his well-deserved Military Cross on a night venture of particular daring. The last time I met him was after Beersheba, when he was in his usual cheery spirits, and later I had hoped that on getting home he would soon have recovered, and now, alas, his useful career is closed. We shall always remember his cheerful personality and efficient methods, as having struck a man out of the ordinary, who was everyone's friend and help."



PERCIVAL HURLBUTT

LIEUTENANT J. S. INGLEBY

Royal Naval Air Service

High Street 13³-17¹

Aged 19

June 11th, 1918

ONLY son of the late John F. Ingleby, Merchant, of Hull, and of his wife, M. Alice Ingleby.

On leaving Harrow in 1917, Lieutenant Ingleby joined the Royal Naval Air Service, training at the Crystal Palace and at Vendôme. He then went as Handley Page Pilot to St. Omer and was subsequently attached to the Castle Bromwich Aerodrome as Acceptance Officer, his duty being to fly the new untried machines from the Works to the Aerodrome. On June 11th, 1918, he was bringing a new machine to the Aerodrome and was just about to land, when one of the engines cut out and he crashed and was instantly killed.

The C.O. Castle Bromwich wrote :—

“He was a most excellent Officer, his Section was the most efficient on the Aerodrome, and I am sure this was the result of his training. He was popular with Officers and men alike ; all feel his loss keenly.”

A brother-officer wrote to his mother :—

“We learned to admire and respect your son, not only as a Flying Officer but as a broad-minded and wonderfully generous man. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and the greatest criterion of all of his character is that he was just as much loved and respected by the men, as he was by his fellow-officers. One of the best fellows in the world, who make life cheerful and worth living.”

Another wrote :—

“It seems so hard that fellows like Seymour and Norman should lay down their lives, such good, great-hearted, and cheery men as they were, men not met with every day. We can ill afford to lose them. Seymour gave his life for his country every bit as much as the Pilot who was shot down in France. . . . It is to such men that the Empire owes its greatness and the victory in the War.”



JOHN SEYMOUR INGLEBY

CAPTAIN G. C. L. INSOLE, M.C.

Welsh Guards

West Acre 02¹-06²

Aged 30

April 12th, 1918

ELDEST son of the late George Frederick Insole, J.P., and of Mrs. Insole, of The Court, Llandaff, S. Wales.

Trinity College, Cambridge, M.A. Played Polo for Cambridge University in 1910.

Captain Insole served in France during the first three months of the War, driving his own car for the Red Cross, and was awarded the 1914 Star. He joined the Welsh Guards at the formation of the Regiment and served with them in France until he was wounded in 1916. He was mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Military Cross. He rejoined his Regiment in France in March, 1918, and was killed near Arras on April 12th, 1918. He is buried in a small French cemetery at Bailleulmont.

His O.C. wrote :—

"I cannot tell you how very grieved I am. Claud was a great friend of mine and was one of my best Company Commanders when he was with me two years ago in France. His loss to the Regiment will be a great one and we shall all feel his death very deeply."

An Officer, previously commanding the Reserve Battalion, Welsh Guards, wrote :—

"He served with me in the Reserve Battalion of the Welsh Guards under my command at various times, and I always found him to be a most painstaking, efficient Officer, and I can only say I had the very highest opinion of him."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"I have lost a very dear friend, and the Regiment a brilliant soldier. . . . you can't be too proud of him. . . . So many of our men here have spoken of him with such affection and respect."



GEORGE CLAUD LATHOM INSOLE

LIEUTENANT VISCOUNT IPSWICH

Coldstream Guards (attached R.A. F.)

Druries 98²-03²

Aged 33

April 23rd, 1918

ONLY SON of Alfred William Maitland Fitzroy, Earl of Euston (O.H.), and of his wife, Margaret Rose, daughter of Eric Carrington Smith, and grandson of the Duke of Grafton.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Married, in 1913, Auriol, only child of Major James Brougham, J.P., and leaves a son and a daughter.

Lieutenant Viscount Ipswich went to France with the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards in November, 1914, and was wounded in the following year. In November, 1917, he was attached to the Royal Air Force and received his 'wings' three days before his death. He was accidentally killed on April 23rd, 1918, at the end of his Pilot's course, at Yatesbury, Wilts.



WILLIAM HENRY ALFRED FITZROY, VISCOUNT IPSWICH

LIEUTENANT S. G. ISHERWOOD

West Yorkshire Regiment

Newlands 10³-16¹

Aged 20

September 20th, 1918

ONLY son of the late Samuel Isherwood, of Shorefield, Dunscar, near Bolton, and of Mrs. Isherwood.

Lieutenant Isherwood entered the Cadet School at Gales, N.B., on leaving Harrow, and received a Commission in the 7th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment in December, 1916. He went to France in January, 1917, but returned to England three months later to undergo a severe operation for appendicitis. He was subsequently appointed Gas Course Instructor and was then sent to Ireland. He returned to the Front in May, 1918, having been gazetted Lieutenant a few days before. He was mortally wounded on September 19th, 1918, and died of his wounds next day in No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F.

His Company Commander wrote :—

“The day before he was hit he took part in a great attack which was very successful. On the same night he was very cool, when we had a difficult task on hand. As you know he had only just joined the Battalion, but during the time we had become great friends, and his death grieved us much. I had the opportunity of seeing him in action and know that he displayed great gallantry and coolness.”



SAMUEL GUY ISHERWOOD

LIEUTENANT G. B. JOY

Welsh Regiment

Newlands 053-102

Aged 23

May 22nd, 1915

YOUNGER SON of George W. Joy (O.H.), Artist, of Woodside, Purbrook, Hants, and of his wife, Florence I. M. Joy.

Trinity College, Oxford. Rowed in the Trinity VIII both at Oxford and at Henley, 1911-13. Joined the O.T.C. as a gunner. Entered at the Inner Temple, but had not been called to the Bar when the War broke out. Worked much with the Rugby Mission, and took great interest in the Training Ship *Stork*.

Lieutenant Joy was given a Commission in the 3rd Welsh Regiment on August 15th, 1914, and in the following March was sent to France, where he was attached to the Highland Light Infantry as Transport Officer.

On the night of the 21st-22nd May, 1915, he took part in an attack which failed and was left on the field severely wounded, close to the German lines at Ferme du Bois, near Richebourg L'Avoué. He was reported 'missing,' and all efforts to trace him have been unsuccessful.

His only brother, Captain T. C. B. Joy, 1st Devon Regiment, was also killed in 1915, while serving with the 2nd Dorsets, under General Townsend at Kut-el-Amara.

Lieut.-Colonel E. R. Hill, H.L.I., wrote :—

"It was found impossible to bring him in that night when the attack failed and a retirement was ordered. The following night a search party was sent out and went very carefully over the ground and to the exact spot where he had been left. Daylight was coming on rapidly when the retirement was ordered the previous night, which accounts for the difficulty of bringing him in. Your son has shown great zeal and energy as Regimental Transport Officer since he has been with us, and it was only owing to our shortage of Officers that he had to be employed in this attack."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"I cannot tell you how grieved we are at having as yet received no news of your boy. Nor can I express to you how much we miss him ; I, in particular, deeply feel his loss. We were much together during the latter part of his time with us, and I then learnt to appreciate what a truly fine and nice fellow he was."



GEORGE BRUCE JOY

BRIG.-GENERAL SIR W. A. I. KAY, BART., C.M.G., D.S.O.

King's Royal Rifle Corps

The Knoll 90'-91'

Aged 42

October 4th, 1918

ONLY son of Lieut.-Colonel Sir William A. Kay, Bart., 68th Regiment, Durham Light Infantry, and of his wife, Emily, daughter of Thomas Ireland, of Ousden Hall, Suffolk.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1895.

Brigadier-General Kay was gazetted to the 60th Rifles on passing out of Sandhurst and served in Sierra Leone in 1898-9, receiving the medal and clasp. He fought through the South African War and received the Queen's and King's medals with six bars and was mentioned in Despatches. He subsequently served with his Regiment in India, Malta, and Egypt, and was a graduate of the Staff College. He went to France in August, 1914, on Field-Marshal Sir John French's Staff, and was severely wounded in the following October, being awarded the D.S.O. He returned to France in the Spring of 1915 and was on the Staff of the 24th Division till October, 1917, when he was made Commandant of the Small Arms School at Boulogne. He became a Brigadier-General shortly afterwards and returned to the Front, being severely wounded in the face in March, 1918. In the following May he again returned to France, in Command of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, 1st Division, and rendered splendid service in the advance of August and September. He was killed by the bursting of a shell on October 4th, 1918, at Vadencourt, near St. Quentin, and was buried in the Vadencourt Cemetery.

Major-General Strickland wrote :—

"His loss is irreparable, everyone in the Division loved him as a man and admired him as a soldier."

One of his Staff wrote :—

"We can none of us get over his loss. He always considered others before himself and thought no trouble too great to take, if it would help anyone along."

General Sir J. Capper, formerly commanding 24th Division, B.E.F., wrote :—

"His loss will be felt by all ranks in the Army. I had only one fault to find with him—that was his absolute fearlessness and disregard of personal danger."



WILLIAM ALGERNON IRELAND KAY

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. H. KENNEDY

Seaforth Highlanders

Church Hill 96¹-00³

Aged 36

July 29th, 1918

THIRD SON of Gilbert George Kennedy (O.H.), Metropolitan Police Magistrate at Marlborough Street, and his wife, Alice Kennedy.

Married, in 1917, Noëlle, widow of Captain W. R. George, and daughter of the late General Sir Richard Campbell Stewart.

Lieut.-Colonel Kennedy joined the Gordon Highlanders Militia and with them fought through the South African War. He was then given a Commission in the Regular Army and joined the Seaforth Highlanders, being sent out to India, where he served in two Frontier campaigns. In 1912 he was seconded for service with the Nigeria Regiment and was in Nigeria when the War broke out. He was invalided home from there in March, 1915, and in the following December was sent to Egypt as Second-in-Command of the 16th West Yorkshire Regiment. He served with them both in Egypt and in France until in April, 1917, he rejoined his own Regiment. In the Battle of Arras he was wounded and invalided home, where he remained on light duty until the following October. He was then attached to the 6th Cameron Highlanders until in May, 1918, he was given Command of the 8th Seaforth Highlanders.

He was killed on July 29th, 1918, by the explosion of a shell at Buzancy, near Soissons.

He was mentioned in Despatches 'for gallant and distinguished service in the field.'

Major-General W. L. Reed, Commanding 15th Division, wrote to his widow :—

"The splendid courage and determination of the Seaforths under his command, and the fighting qualities they displayed in Buzancy is the admiration of them all, including the French Officers. . . . The loss of your gallant husband is felt by the whole Division, and by the Seaforth Highlanders as one that cannot be made good. . . . I may say that it was when difficulties and dangers were greatest he shewed at his very best : always happy and smiling his example had an extraordinary effect on others."

A brother-officer wrote :—

"Colonel Kennedy was beloved by all who came in touch with him, he always had a cheery word and smile for everybody."



HUMFREY HAYES KENNEDY

CAPTAIN J. P. F. KENNEDY

Rifle Brigade

Elmfield 05th-09th

Aged 26

April 24th, 1918

FOURTH son of the late Sir John G. Kennedy (O.H.), K.C.M.G., of H.M. Diplomatic Service, and of Lady Kennedy, of 50 Cranley Gardens, S.W.

His brother, Captain P. A. Kennedy (O.H.), Rifle Brigade, a notice of whom appears in Vol. II, was killed on May 9th, 1915.

Magdalen College, Oxford, 1909.

After studying languages abroad he passed 3rd in the Foreign Office Examination, in August, 1914.

Captain Kennedy joined the 5th Battalion Rifle Brigade in October, 1914, and was subsequently for some months Adjutant of the 14th Battalion. In October, 1915, he joined the 2nd Battalion in France and was severely wounded near Fromelles in February, 1916, when close to the enemy's lines while engaged on special intelligence work: he was mentioned for gallant conduct on this occasion. In 1917 he was appointed A.D.C. to General Sir Bruce Hamilton, Commanding Northern Army. Being passed fit for active service in March, 1918, he rejoined the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment in France, and was promoted Captain the same month. He was killed in the early morning of April 24th, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux, while defending an advanced position against a strong attack.

His Commanding Officer wrote:—

"I feel that my sympathy and that of the Battalion is nothing to offer you, but what else can we send? Everyone loved Pat, he was so splendidly fearless and gallant. I had only met him two or three times before taking over the command of this Battalion in the line two days before this last battle, and therefore had not seen much of him, but I fully realised his value and was so glad to have him in the Battalion, especially as Paul had been one of my very best friends in the old days in the 4th Battalion."

The Officer Commanding the 5th Battalion wrote:—

"I get many letters from the Front and have talked to many who have served with him, and one and all bear testimony to his superb bravery and coolness in times of the utmost danger. He set a splendid example to all who knew him of devotion and self-sacrifice, and that example will have its effect only after this generation has passed away. He would have done much in the world, for he had a clear brain and keen intellect, as well as infinite tact and judgment, and he was always so cheery and everybody loved him. . . ."



JOHN PATRICK FRANCIS KENNEDY

LIEUTENANT C. R. W. KNIGHT

Royal Air Force

The Knoll 12³-13²

Aged 21

June 21st, 1919

ONLY son of William Hugh Knight, Barrister-at-Law, and of his wife, Lorina Evelyn Fairfax Knight.

Lieutenant Knight entered the Army in January, 1915, and received a Commission in the Royal Flying Corps, as 2nd Lieutenant, in March, 1916. He served as Flying Officer in France with different Squadrons of the R.F.C. and R.A.F., and on the London Defence (night flying) until September, 1918. After the Armistice he volunteered for North Russia, and was sent there in May, 1919. He was killed in action at Topsa, on the Dvina, Archangel Front, on June 21st, 1919.

Captain G. E. Wilson, R.A.F., wrote to his father describing his death:—

"I joined your son at our advanced aerodrome at Kurgamin late on the evening of the 20th, and early on the next morning, 2.30 a.m., we received orders from Headquarters detailing a bombing raid, as the enemy were about to launch a counter-attack on our new Front line, which was then Topsa, on the right bank of the River Dvina.

"He and I were the first two machines to leave the ground, and, shortly after crossing the lines, we got badly shot about by machine guns and anti-aircraft guns: he was flying a two-seater with bombs, and I a Scout. . . . About 10.30 a.m. your son's Observer returned, wounded in his right arm—he had escaped. The following facts are from his account:—While I (Wilson) was engaged in shooting up the enemy, they were hit by shrapnel, and, being near to a clearing, 'Fluffy' landed the machine there. Neil (who was his Observer) got out and tried to help 'Fluffy,' who was very badly wounded. Your son then ordered Neil to run for it before being captured, and, seeing that Neil remained still with him, he sat up and managed to get just enough strength to be able to say—'Run, Neil, run!'—then died.

"Your son died, as he has always lived, and as he is known and remembered by all his friends—one of the biggest-hearted sportsmen that ever lived, as straight as a die, and one of the six best Pilots of the Royal Air Force. As a result of the operations of the R.A.F., the enemy attack never came off, and we advanced as far as Troitsa and Seltso.

"Had your son lived he would have been put in for a decoration for the exceptionally fine and daring work he did on the two days of the 'push.'"



CLARENCE RAYMOND WENTWORTH KNIGHT

CAPTAIN C. LANDALE

King's Royal Rifle Corps

The Knoll 95²-98³

Aged 37

August 21st, 1918

YOUNGEST son of the late Robert Landale, of Mundiwa, Denilequin, Australia, Landed Proprietor and one of the first settlers from Scotland, and of Mrs. Landale.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Captain of the Trinity Hall Boat Club, and ninth man for the Cambridge University Eight.

Married Edythe, youngest daughter of Alex Landale, of Waudook, New South Wales, Australia, and leaves two children.

Captain Landale was in Australia when the War broke out and at once returned to England and was given a Commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, in which he had formerly held a Commission. He went to France in June, 1915, and was severely wounded in the following year. He rejoined his Battalion early in 1918, and was instantaneously killed while leading his men into action, on August 21st, 1918. He is buried at St. Amand.



CYRIL LANDALE

CAPTAIN E. G. LAWTON

East Surrey Regiment

The Knoll 03¹-07²

Aged 28

April 12th, 1918

SECOND son of J. H. Lawton, of Northumberland House, Richmond, late of Kew, and of Mrs. Lawton.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Captain Lawton was gazetted to the East Surrey Regiment in 1909. He went out to France in August, 1914, with the original Expeditionary Force and fought in the Retreat from Mons, at Le Cateau, and at the First Battle of Ypres, where he was severely wounded in both arms. He was invalided home and returned to France in September, 1915. In March of the following year he was transferred to the Egyptian Army and took part in the fighting on that Front. After coming home on leave he returned to the Sudan in January, 1918. On April 12th of that year, while engaged in a punitive expedition in the Bahr-el-Ghazal Province, he was ambushed and received a spear wound in his left side. He died the same evening and was buried at Ngopp, the 12th Sudanese forming a firing party, and the grave being dug by the merchants, who were all present at his funeral.

His last words, spoken to one of his Subalterns :—"I have given you orders for Parade," are characteristic of his love of duty, and at the same time of the simplicity which was such an attractive feature in his character.



EDWARD GERALD LAWTON

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. H. LEYLAND

Rifle Brigade

West Acre 98³-03³

Aged 33

September 24th, 1918

SECOND son of the late Frederick Dawson Leyland (O.H.), and of Mrs. Leyland, of 79 Cromwell Road, S.W.

Football XI, 1902.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married Miss Leland Hone.

Lieut.-Colonel Leyland was gazetted to the Rifle Brigade in 1905, promoted Lieutenant in 1909, and Captain in 1913. In 1910 he won the Rifle Brigade Heavy-Weight Challenge Cup with his chestnut gelding 'Stockings.' In June, 1914, he retired on half-pay, but rejoined his Regiment on the outbreak of the War.

From December, 1914, to April, 1915, he was specially employed at the War Office, as General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, and acted as Assistant Instructor at a Machine Gun Training Centre at Grantham from April, 1915, to December, 1916, when he was appointed Deputy Assistant Military Secretary, and graded as a Staff Captain. In May, 1917, he was made Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General and was mentioned in Despatches in December of that year. In May, 1918, he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion of his Regiment. He was instantaneously killed by the bursting of a shell on September 24th, 1918, and is buried at Rochelincourt.

A brother-officer wrote :—

"No one could possibly know how much I loved to serve under Colonel Leyland. He was my 21st Commanding Officer in this Battalion, and of all the long line of Colonels he stood out as one of the most beloved and respected—far in advance of his time, rich in experience, and a real leader of men. The men simply loved him. Kind, thoughtful for others to a degree, never shall I have his equal. We were so happy in the Battalion, being in such good hands."

Another wrote :—

"Many of us felt towards him an admiration which can express itself but feebly in acts of loyalty and devotion. We felt instinctively that he did far more than command us, he led us. . . . We knew that he endured much pain from old injuries and that he need not have been in the line at all, and this made all his work so voluntary. We are proud to have known him."



REX HAMILTON LEYLAND

LIEUTENANT J. R. LOWIS

Hampshire Yeomanry

Elmfield 07³-11²

Aged 24

September 4th, 1918

ELDEST son of the Hon. John Lowis (O.H.), Government Advocate and Member of the Legislative Council, Burma, and of his wife, Monica Lowis.

Lieutenant Lowis enlisted in the autumn of 1914, but was immediately given a Commission in the Hampshire Yeomanry. Owing to a dislocated shoulder he was not passed for foreign service until the summer of 1918. He went to France in July, 1918, and served in the trenches with the 15th Hants. He was killed in action near Mount Kemmel, on September 4th, 1918.

Colonel Sloane-Stanley, Hampshire Yeomanry (Carabiniers), wrote :—

“We were all very fond of him and he was a thoroughly good fellow. He was connected with me for so long that I feel I have lost a great personal friend. I know he was highly strung and nervous, but he had any amount of pluck, and I knew that he would never fail.”

Major R. Nicholson, Hampshire Yeomanry (Carabiniers), wrote :—

“He had been so long in his Regiment with me that I missed him very much when he left in April. I think that he had a very happy time in this Regiment, and I know that both Officers and men were very fond of him. He was thoroughly reliable and was very tactful with the men. He was very plucky when his time came to go, and I hoped he would have been spared. Whatever his end was, I am sure he was doing his duty.”

His Major in the 15th Hants wrote :—

“He was killed instantaneously by an enemy sniper during an attack early in the morning of September 4th, gallantly leading his men forward. As you know he had only recently joined the Battalion, but, during the short time he had been with us, he had become very popular both with his brother-officers and men.”



JOHN ROLLO LOWIS

LIEUTENANT W. H. ST. J. LYONS

Middlesex Regiment

Rendalls 02²-04¹

Aged 29

November 1st, 1918

ONLY son of William Henry Holmes Lyons (O.H.), Landowner, Deputy Lieutenant and Magistrate, of Deramare Park, Belfast, late of Richmond Lodge, Strandtown, Co. Down, and Old Park, Belfast, and of his wife, Lily Lyons.

Had been for three years in New Zealand, chiefly sheep-farming, and a year and a half in Canada.

Lieutenant Lyons, who was in Canada when the War broke out, enlisted in the Edmonton Fusiliers, in which he became a Sergeant, coming to England with the 1st Canadian Contingent. He was sent to Salisbury Plain where he contracted rheumatic fever, and in March, 1915, was given a Commission in the 12th Lancashire Fusiliers, transferring to the 6th Middlesex Regiment in December, 1915. He went to France in July, 1916, and served on the Ancre until the December of that year, when he was invalided home with bronchial pneumonia and pronounced unfit for further service. He was then sent to Northampton and attached to the Northampton Regimental Dépôt, as Draft Conducting Officer, and in command of a Company. He died on November 1st, 1918, of pneumonia following influenza at Castille House V.A.D. Hospital, Northampton.

Major Woodham, Northampton Regiment, wrote :—

“He was very popular with us all, was one of the best of companions, and from his many lovable qualities was a general favourite with everyone. We shall miss him much and feel his loss for many days to come.”

The Regimental Sergeant-Major wrote :—

“The memory of Lieutenant Lyons will always be cherished by the members of the Mess, as an Officer, gentleman, and a man after Tommy's own heart. One cannot express in words the feeling that arises at the loss of one who has endeared himself to all, and in conveying to you the sympathy of the whole of the Mess you will understand that in your loss we have also lost one of the best.”



WILLIAM HOLMES ST. JOHN LYONS

LIEUTENANT E. G. MANUEL

Royal Flying Corps

The Knoll 03'-06"

Aged 29

June 8th, 1918

YOUNGEST SON of M. B. Manuel, of Messrs. Ralli Bros., East India Merchants.

Lieutenant Manuel went to France in September, 1914, with a motor-car, acting semi-officially as King's Messenger. In December, 1915, he joined the Royal Flying Corps and served first in France, then as Ferry Pilot in England, and finally as Test Pilot. He was killed at Hendon on June 8th, 1918, while testing an aeroplane.

Lieut.-Colonel Flack, R.A.F., wrote:—

"To us, in this Medical Department, he was such an able and charming colleague that words fail me to express the sense of loss we all feel."

Dr. Henry Head, Chairman of the Medical Investigation Committee of the Air Ministry, wrote:—

"So highly did we value his opinion and judgment that he was appointed a member of our Sub-Committee, in spite of the fact that he was not a medical man. At our meeting to-day a resolution of condolence was passed unanimously, and there were many individual expressions of sorrow at the loss of so able and charming a colleague."

Captain F. Williams, R.F.C., wrote:—

"He was one of the stoutest, bravest, and most absolutely heroic men that ever lived—we all loved him."



EUSTRATIUS GEORGE MANUEL

CAPTAIN J. K. MEWS

Lonaon Regiment

Rendalls OS²-14²

Aged 23

August 24th, 1918

ONLY son of John Mews (O.H.), Barrister-at-Law, of 90 Westbourne Terrace, London, W., and of his wife, Ethel Mews.

Football XI, 1913.

Captain Mews, who was intending to go into residence at Trinity College, Cambridge, in October, 1914, was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st City of London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, before the War broke out. He went out to Malta with his Battalion in September, and accompanied them to France in the following March. He became Lieutenant in 1915, and Captain and Adjutant in 1916. In September, 1916, he was seriously wounded at Combles and was in hospital at Londonderry House until October, 1917. He then went to Aldershot and joined the Senior Officers' Course. He was passed fit for general service in July, 1918, and returned to France ten days afterwards. He was mortally wounded by a bullet from a machine gun, on August 24th, 1918, the first time he went over the top after his return to duty, while leading his Company near Croisilles. He was buried at the British Cemetery at Bad du Sud, Baileulval, near Arras.

His Colonel wrote :—

“One of the oldest Officers, absolutely fearless, and one of the most popular who has ever been in this Battalion. He had been doing splendid work during the progress of the advance for several days before he died.”

A brother-officer wrote :—

“I think that it will be some satisfaction to you to know that he did not suffer much, and also that he was a fearless and dauntless Officer, who was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. He was loved by his Officers and men, and they were all proud to have him as their leader. He always had a kind word for everyone and was most considerate for the welfare of those under him. We have lost not only a good Officer, but also a true friend.”

One of his men who was wounded at the same time said :—

“He was carried to a shell-hole and attended to, but he refused to be carried back until all his wounded men had been taken, and he died in the ambulance from loss of blood, three hours after he was hit.”



JOHN KEITH MEWS

2ND LIEUTENANT G. G. D. MILLER

Royal Horse Artillery

The Headmaster's 13²-16³

Aged 19

September 15th, 1919

ELDEST son of Lieut.-Colonel Edward Darley Miller, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Spring Hill Farm, Rugby, and of his wife, Irene Helen Miller, O.B.E.

While at Bilton Grange Preparatory School, when eleven years old, he won the Scouts Medal for gallantry, for helping to rescue a drowning woman from a lake in Cheshire. From early boyhood had hunted with the Pytchley, the North Warwickshire and the Atherstone Hunts.

R.M.A., Woolwich, 1917. Captain of Lawn Tennis, won the Saddle, and represented the Academy at Rugby Football, Hockey, and Cricket.

2nd Lieutenant Miller, on passing out of Woolwich, was still too young to go to France, and was sent as Instructor to Weedon. After the Armistice he went to Belgium to E Battery, R.H.A., 1st Cavalry Division, but broke his collar-bone in a steeplechase at Spa in March, 1919, and was invalided home. He then volunteered for N. Russia, where he was sent in July, and was shot dead on September 15th, 1919, when acting as forward Liaison Officer for an armoured train, while getting a wounded man on to an engine, at Siding 5 on the Murman Railway.

Major G. Steele, Staff Captain, G.H.Q., Murmansk, wrote :—

“Gordon was the most charming boy I have met for a long time. . . . He was as brave as a lion and was always praying to be sent out on ‘stunts,’ and when he was killed he was helping a wounded man on to an engine to get him away.”

Lieut.-Colonel Trevor Laurence, D.S.O., wrote :—

“He was one of the most gallant boys and most charming companions I have ever known. He was for some time my Orderly Officer, and, although a boy, my best friend out here. On being relieved about three weeks ago, I posted him to the Armoured Train. He was a boy who was too full of courage to be kept in cotton wool, and I hoped that I had given him the job which would give him enough action, and interesting work to keep him fully occupied.”

Major Hugh Simpson, D.S.O., wrote :—

“I liked him exceedingly, as did everyone he came in contact with. He was always cheery and ready for any job of work, and, on more than one occasion, acted with great gallantry.”



GEORGE GORDON DARLEY MILLER

PRIVATE R. H. N. MINTORN

Royal Fusiliers

Home Boarders 77¹-81²

Aged 53

April 28th, 1918

THIRD son of John Haynes Mintorn, and of his wife, Elizabeth Mintorn, *née* Mogridge.

Mining Engineer in Australia and West Africa.

Private Mintorn joined the 2nd Sportsman's Battalion in January, 1915, and went to France with the 24th Royal Fusiliers in the following October. He remained on active service till February, 1917, when he was wounded, spending four months in Hospital in France, and then in England. He died of pneumonia in the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on April 28th, 1918.



RICHARD HAYNES NELSON MINTORN

2ND LIEUTENANT E. P. AYLETT MOORE, M.C.

Coldstream Guards

Druries 12³-17²

Aged 19

November 4th, 1918

ONLY son of Alfred Aylett Moore, F.C.A., and of Mrs. Aylett Moore, of 40 Portland Place, W., and The Knowle, Virginia Water.

Cadet Officer, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Moore on leaving Harrow received a Commission in the Coldstream Guards and went to France in June, 1918. He took part in the victorious battles of the last four months of the War and met his death during the final advance of the Guards' Division on Maubeuge, on November 4th, 1918, seven days before the signing of the Armistice.

The action for which he received the Military Cross is officially described as follows :—

“For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the attack on Villers Pol on the night of the 3rd/4th November, 1918. This Officer was in command of the leading Platoon of his Company when they were held up by the enemy machine gun posts both on his front and on his left flank. He sent his Platoon Sergeant round with a bombing section to outflank one of the posts, while he himself with another section made a frontal attack. It was owing to his fine leadership and determination in attacking this post that the Company was able to cross the stream and continue the advance. There was no artillery preparation, and it was essential to press on quickly in order to gain the jumping-off place for the attack on the following morning.

“On the next day his leadership during the advance was of the highest order, and on reaching the final objective, though under heavy machine gun and shell fire, he shewed the greatest coolness and disregard of personal danger while the Company was digging in, personally superintending and encouraging the men. It was while he was doing this that he was killed by shell fire. Throughout the nights 3rd/4th and all during the day of the 4th this Officer shewed the most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and it was greatly owing to his leadership that the attack of his Company was so successful.”

The Officer commanding his Battalion wrote :—

“Pat had done so wonderfully well and was a very fine soldier. His men would follow him anywhere and they are by far the best judges of what an Officer should be. They were very fond of him and would fly to do anything he told them.”



EDWARD PATRICK AYLETT MOORE

LIEUTENANT F. MORRIS

Scottish Horse

Newlands 05³-09²

Aged 25

May 27th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of William Morris, of 49 Campden House Road, Kensington, and The Wilderness, Baldock, Herts, Solicitor, and of Mrs. Morris.

Was articled to his father.

Lieutenant Morris was given a Commission in the Scottish Horse in October, 1914, and was sent to Suvla Bay in August, 1915. He subsequently served in Egypt, and later, when attached to the 1st South Notts Hussars, at Salonika, and in Palestine.

He was drowned, owing to the torpedoing of a Transport in the Eastern Mediterranean on May 27th, 1918.



FREDERICK MORRIS

MAJOR H. MUSGRAVE, D.S.O.

Royal Engineers

Church Hill 90²-93³

Aged 42

June 3rd, 1918

SECOND surviving son of the late Sir Anthony Musgrave, G.C.M.G., late Governor of Queensland, Australia, and of Jeannie Lucinda Field, daughter of David Dudley Field, of New York, U.S.A.

R.M.A., Woolwich, 1894, passing in second.

Married, in 1915, Georgeanna Hopkins, of Boston, U.S.A., granddaughter of the late Dr. Mark Hopkins, LL.D., President of Williams College, U.S.A., and leaves a son and daughter.

Major Musgrave was gazetted to the R.E. in 1896. He served throughout the South African War, being once wounded. He was twice mentioned in Despatches and received the Queen's Medal with Five Clasps and the King's Medal with Two Clasps. From June, 1901, to September, 1904, he was employed with the South African Constabulary. He was promoted Captain in 1905, and graduated from the Staff College in 1907. He was then appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.G. at Malta, which appointment he held for four years. In 1913 he joined the newly formed R.F.C., as Captain, and was at once employed at the Headquarters of the Corps, in charge of the organization and mobilization work.

On the outbreak of the War Major Musgrave was transferred to the War Office, as Deputy Assistant Director of Military Aeronautics. He went to France in September, 1914, being promoted Major the following month. For his services with the R.F.C. in the Field he was mentioned in Despatches and received the D.S.O. He was then appointed D.A.Q.M.G. at First Army Headquarters and was again mentioned in Despatches, in January, 1916. Being anxious to see more of the actual fighting he applied for and was appointed G.S.O. on the Staff of the 24th Division. He held this appointment until August, 1916, when he was severely wounded. In July, 1917, he resumed duty on the Staff of the Western Command, and in December, 1917, at his own request, was appointed G.S.O. for Intelligence on the Staff of the second Army Corps in France. He was killed in action, on June 3rd, 1918, while leading a reconnaissance patrol in the Ypres salient.



HERBERT MUSGRAVE

LIEUTENANT J. G. MYLNE

Royal Scots

Rendalls 003-052

Aged 31

September 2nd, 1918

ONLY son of James Mylne, Writer to the Signet, of 10 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh.

University College, Oxford, B.A.

Joined his father's Firm of Mylne and Campbell, W.S., Edinburgh, and was admitted a member of the W.S. Society in 1913.

Lieutenant Mylne joined the Royal Scots soon after the declaration of War, and served in Palestine and in France. He was killed by machine gun fire in the attack on the Hindenburg Line, west of Quéant, on September 2nd, 1918.



JAMES GRAHAM MYLNE

MAJOR A. NEAME

Royal Garrison Artillery

Druries 86¹-90²

Aged 44

March 17th, 1916

SECOND son of Percy Beale Neame, Brewer, of the Mount, Faversham, and of his wife, Florence Neame.

Cricket XI, 1889.

Entered the business of Shepherd, Neame & Co., and became a Director in 1914.

In October, 1914, Major Neame rejoined the Kent Heavy Battery, R.G.A., to which he had previously belonged, with the rank of Captain. He was subsequently promoted Major, and died of influenza at Bower House, Ightham, Kent, on March 17th, 1916, while in command of the second line.



ARTHUR NEAME

LIEUTENANT J. C. A. NESS

Bedfordshire Regiment

West Acre 10²-14²

Aged 19

June 27th, 1915

ONLY son of Major James Alexander Ness (O.H.), of Kinkell, Woking. R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1914.

Lieutenant Ness was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant on passing out of Sandhurst in January, 1915, and was posted to the 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment and attached to the 3rd Battalion. He went to the Front in April, 1915, joining the 1st Battalion near Ypres. After having been slightly gassed he was sent to hospital at Wimereux and thence to England in May, 1915. Volunteering for early return to the Front, he was sent back to France in the following month, being attached to the 2nd Battalion near Festubert. He reported himself on June 26th, 1915, and the night after his arrival he left the trenches, north of Viollaines, to visit a standing patrol that he had previously posted and was never seen or heard of again. He had been promoted Lieutenant ten days previously.



JAMES CHARLES ALEXANDER NESS

LIEUTENANT A. G. BATHURST NORMAN

Royal Air Force

The Park 12³-16³

Aged 19

November 20th, 1918

ELDEST son of the Rev. H. Bathurst Norman, of 10 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex, and Iwood Manor, Congresbury, Somerset, and of the late Mrs. Bathurst Norman.

Was the author of a volume of poems, entitled "Ditchling Beacon," which was published in March, 1918, by Messrs. Sidgwick and Jackson.

Lieutenant Bathurst Norman joined the R.F.C. as a Cadet early in 1917, and had a great deal of experience in England, flying different types of machines. Early in June, 1918, he went out to France, to join the Independent Air Force, with a Squadron of night-bombing Handley Page Aeroplanes. He was afterwards sent to No. 3 Aircraft Depôt, to which he was attached at the time of his death. He crashed in a fog and was instantaneously killed on November 20th, 1918, while on active service, and was buried in the British part of the cemetery at Dury Asylum Hospital, near Amiens.

A correspondent wrote :—

"He was a devoted lover of Sussex. Even as quite a young boy at Harrow he showed in his Essays and his first verses a knowledge and appreciation of the scenery and folk-lore of his native county which were very remarkable. The one volume he published dealt also with other subjects—flying, love, death—but somewhere in almost every poem Sussex crept in. His poems have a real originality, because they were the spontaneous outcome of his own deepest feelings. They are true songs, full of the romance of youth, quick to all things that are lovely and of good report. And they are an index to his own character—the character of a boy of great literary promise, spiritual, sensitive, touched to finer issues, loving much and much beloved."



ALFRED GEORGE BATHURST NORMAN

CAPTAIN A. J. NORTH, M.C.

Northumberland Fusiliers

The Headmaster's 97³-02²

Aged 34

September 27th, 1918

SECOND surviving son of the late Colonel John T. North, of Avery Hill, Eltham, and of his wife Jane, daughter of the late John Woodhead, of Leeds.

Football XI, 1901. Shooting VIII, 1901-2: Winner of the Spencer Cup, 1902.

Married, in 1906, Adelaide Louise, fifth daughter of the late Job Garratt, of Wassell Grove, Stourbridge, and leaves two sons and three daughters.

Captain North, who had been a Lieutenant in the R.F.A. (Special Reserve), joined the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers and went to France in December, 1916.

He was awarded the M.C.—“For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This Officer led his Company to the attack, only four days after he had taken it over, capturing seventy prisoners and four machine guns. His leading contributed greatly to the successful issue.”

He was killed in action on September 27th, 1918, near Gouzeaucourt, while leading a successful attack on a strong enemy position.

His Commanding Officer in France wrote:—

“His Company attacked a very strong position, and a large number of them fell in the attempt. His was the most difficult task and, though the attack was successful, an unkind fate robbed us of a very gallant Officer.”

A brother-officer wrote:—

“Our ‘Skipper,’ as we always called him, was a great man. He was a splendid soldier and well liked by all the men as well as the Officers. He would no doubt write to you about his experiences on the 18th, and, if he had come through, there would have been a glowing account of the 27th. He was in the front of the advance, first on the parapet, and a fine example to the men.”



ARTHUR JEWELL NORTH

LIEUTENANT G. E. R. OAKES

West Yorkshire Regiment

Rendalls 07³-12²

Aged 24

April 19th, 1918

ELDEST son of the late Gerard R. Oakes, of Felley Priory, Jacksdale, Notts, and of Mrs. Oakes.

Lieutenant Oakes, who was learning Land Agency when the War broke out, joined the 3rd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (S.R.), in August, 1914. In 1915, in order to obtain a Commission in the Regular Army, he went to the R.M.C., Sandhurst, and was subsequently gazetted to the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment. In September, 1915, he went to France and saw active service in the Ypres Salient, but was invalided home with trench fever in the following April. On recovering he returned to France, but after an intensely cold and wet spell in the trenches he was again invalided home to undergo an operation on his foot. He served at home as Bombing Officer until he was again sent out to the Front on April 5th, 1918. His third experience of active service was even shorter than the previous ones, for on April 19th, 1918, he was wounded by a shell and died of his wounds after some five hours of pain, borne with heroic cheerfulness.

A Non-Commissioned Officer wrote :—

“I never served under a finer Officer and gentleman. His men adored him and would have done any mortal thing he asked them to do.”



GERARD EDMUND ROSEINGRAVE OAKES

2ND LIEUTENANT T. F. OLIVER

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment

Church Hill 00³-04²

Aged 32

October 26th, 1918

ELDEST son of T. W. N. Oliver, Civil Engineer, of 26 Brunswick Terrace, Brighton, and of his wife, Florence Charlotte Oliver.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

Was working in his father's business as a Civil Engineer.

2nd Lieutenant Oliver enlisted as a Private in the Public Schools Battalion in September, 1914, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Sherwood Foresters in January, 1915, joining his Regiment at Brighton in the following month. He was sent to Gallipoli in 1915, where he was wounded in October in the ankle and wrist. He afterwards served for a short time in November and December, 1916, in France near Loos, after which he was invalided out of the Army altogether. He died on October 26th, 1918, at his home at 26 Brunswick Terrace, Brighton, from pneumonia following influenza, his health having been permanently undermined by his service in Gallipoli and in France.



THOMAS FREDERICK OLIVER

MAJOR B. C. PARR

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Elmfield 98²-01¹

Aged 34

September 3rd, 1918

SECOND son of Captain R. W. Parr (O.H.), late 75th Stirlingshire Regiment, of 71 Chester Square, London, S.W., and of his wife, the Hon. Constance Parr.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Major Parr, who had served for fifteen years in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, had been seconded for service in Nigeria when the War broke out. He went through the Cameroon Campaign, and afterwards served in East Africa. He was then sent to France and was killed on September 3rd, 1918, by the bursting of a shell, while leading his Company near Bapaume. He was buried in the British Cemetery at Vaulx Vraucourt.

His Colonel in France wrote to his father :—

“Although your son had not been with us very long we were all very fond of him, and I personally feel that I have lost a real friend. One of the Subalterns tells me that your son got between him and the shelling and thus saved him from being hit.”

His Colonel wrote from Nigeria :—

“Your son was my Second-in-Command the greater part of the time we were in East Africa, and we were great friends. I wish to offer you the sympathy of the whole Battalion, and, I can assure you, it was with the deepest sorrow that we heard of the death of such a good comrade and friend, and also of the loss of such a very gallant Officer.”



BERTRAM CHAMBRÉ PARR

MAJOR B. C. PASCOE, M.C.

Rifle Brigade

The Grove 10²-14²

Aged 22

May 27th, 1918

ONLY son of the late Robert Martin Pascoe, and of his wife, Edith Marion Pascoe, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

Major Pascoe was gazetted to the Rifle Brigade in 1915, and joined the 2nd Battalion in France in March, 1916, being appointed Adjutant in the following August. He afterwards went as a learner on the Staff and for a short time was attached to the Headquarters of the 8th Corps, 8th Division. In April, 1918, he was appointed Brigade Major to the 25th Infantry Brigade. On May 27th, 1918, the British line was heavily attacked by the Germans and Major Pascoe left the Brigade Headquarters to rally the men and was last seen in the open trying to extend the line.

He was awarded the Military Cross, to which two Bars were added, one in February, 1918, and the other in September, 1918.

Lieut.-General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.P., wrote to his mother :—

“Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid work that your son has done for the State. He adds to gallantry a clear head, a determined character, and a great sense of duty.”

The official description of how he gained the two Bars to his Military Cross is as follows :—

1st Bar, gazetted 4th February, 1918.

“When communication with the advanced troops had been cut after an attack, and all attempts by Officers to reach the forward line had been stopped by fire, he went forward after dark, without guides and with no previous knowledge of the ground. He succeeded under heavy fire in visiting all our posts and bringing back valuable information.”

2nd Bar, gazetted September, 1918.

“At a critical moment he took two Platoons under heavy machine gun and rifle fire and established a post and sent out patrols. For a long time he held the post, exposing himself frequently in the open to heavy machine gun fire. His fine example gave great encouragement to his men.”



BASIL CONQUEST PASCOE

LIEUTENANT S. G. POLLOCK

Gloucestershire Regiment

Church Hill 09³-11²

Aged 23

November 19th, 1918

SON of Colonel Evelyn Pollock (O.H.), C.B.E., and of his wife, Mary Pollock.

His brother, Lieutenant G. H. Pollock (O.H.), South Staffordshire Regiment, a notice of whom appears in Vol. II, was killed on June 18th, 1915.

Entrance Scholar.

Lieutenant Pollock, who had just done a two years' course at the School of Mines, London, volunteered for active service in the first week of the War and was given a Commission in the Gloucestershire Regiment. After a winter on Salisbury Plain he was seized with tuberculosis of the knee, and in April, 1915, just after he had been promoted Lieutenant, he was invalided out of the Army. He then spent two and a half years on crutches and underwent three operations. In February, 1918, he returned to the School of Mines. He died of pneumonia following influenza in Guy's Hospital on November 19th, 1918.

A brother-officer, who was in the same Convalescent Home, wrote:—

“Your boy was an example to all of us in his unvaried cheerfulness, and for the patience with which he bore his long illness.”



SYDNEY GEOFFREY POLLOCK

LIEUTENANT M. H. PONSONBY

Grenadier Guards

Church Hill 10²-15²

Aged 22

August 27th, 1918

SECOND and only surviving son of the Hon. Cyril and Mrs. Ponsonby, of 53 Draycott Place, Cadogan Gardens, S.W.

His elder brother, Lieutenant C. T. Ponsonby (O.H.), King's Royal Rifle Corps, a notice of whom appears in Vol. IV, was killed on August 24th, 1916.

Lieutenant Ponsonby joined the 1st Grenadier Guards on leaving Harrow and went to France in April, 1916. He was invalided home, after being gassed, in February, 1918, and rejoined his Battalion in the following July. He died of wounds received in action, just south of St. Leger, on August 27th, 1918.

His Colonel wrote to his father :—

"To me he is a very great loss. He was very brave—I can't say more. You have lost a son and I a very fine Officer."

His Company Commander wrote :—

"He was always cheerful and one of the most willing and gallant Officers I have known. . . . He took the Company into action and died as any First Grenadier would be proud to die, at the head of his Company."

His Company Commander wrote to a brother-officer :—

"Mickey is doing A1, and I couldn't wish for a better Subaltern or Ensign. I can really rely on him always. He did d—d well the other night, never gets fussed or loses his head, and was as brave as a lion. He really is a very great help, and I both like and appreciate him immensely."

Another wrote :—

"Will you tell Mike Ponsonby that I am very pleased with what he did with his Patrol last night. They did, from their report, very well."



MICHAEL HENRY PONSONBY

1ST LIEUTENANT W. CLARKSON POTTER, D.S.C.

United States Air Service

Druries 11¹-14²

Aged 22

October 10th, 1918

ONLY son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson Potter, of New York, U.S.A.
Princeton University, U.S.A.

1st Lieutenant Clarkson Potter joined the American Ambulance in July, 1916, and in March of the following year won the Croix de Guerre with 3 Stars. In August, 1917, he entered the American Air Service, being promoted 1st Lieutenant in the following November. He won the American Distinguished Service Cross in September, 1918. He was shot down near Stenay, while on a day bombing raid with his Squadron over the German lines, on October 10th, 1918.

General de Lardemelle, commanding the 74th Division, cites in Divisional Orders :—

“W. Clarkson Potter, American volunteer, driver of Sanitary Section No. 11. Clever and indefatigable, permanently in a G.B.D. advance post, he made eighteen consecutive trips without a rest in thirty hours, and, in spite of the continuous fire of the German artillery on the road, enabled a great number of wounded to reap the benefit of rapid transport.”

The act for which he received the D.S.C., is officially described as follows :—

“A formation of eight Liberty bombing planes, while on a daylight bombing mission on Dun-sur-Meuse, was attacked by a force of enemy planes three times its number. Lieut. Potter saw that the Observer's guns of the leading machine were inactive, while its Pilot exerted great effort to control his machine. Under conditions demanding greatest courage and determination, Lieut. Potter flew in close to the leader so as to protect him from the rear. This position he held under ever-increasing enemy attack, and in face of the fact that his leader continued on into Germany. The conditions became more desperate: still Lieut. Potter hung on, until his leader was finally able to make a turn about to the Allied lines. On landing it was found that the Observer of the leading machine had been killed and had fallen and jammed the controls, making a turn impossible. Lieut. Potter by his courage and disregard of danger saved the life of his leader, and brought his machine safely back to our lines.”



WILLIAM CLARKSON POTTER

LIEUTENANT B. C. RANSOME

Royal Army Service Corps

West Acre 85³-88²

Aged 47

June 30th, 1918

SECOND son of the late Robert Charles Ransome, of Orwell Lodge, Ipswich, and of his wife, Elizabeth Ransome, *née* Gibb, of Old Hall, Hethersett, Norwich.

Studied Engineering at the works of Mirrlees Watson Co., Ltd., at Glasgow, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, U.S.A., before entering the business of Ransome, Sims and Jefferies, Ipswich. For this firm he visited Russia, Australia, New Zealand, and East Africa.

Married, in 1899, Phyllis M. Packard, daughter of Edward Packard, High Steward of Ipswich, and leaves five sons and a daughter.

Lieutenant Ransome was given a Commission in the Royal Defence Corps in April, 1916, and early in the following year he transferred to the Mechanical Transport Section of the Army Service Corps, going out to France in March of that year. The first part of his service was in connection with the building of large hospitals at Trouville. From there he went to Havre where he was attached to the 8th Auxiliary Steam Co., with which he worked till June, 1918. He was then attacked by influenza and died from subsequent pneumonia on June 30th, 1918.



BERTRAM COLEBY RANSOME

LIEUTENANT W. D. RAYMOND

2nd Lancers (Indian Cavalry)

The Knoll 10²-14²

Aged 22

October 26th, 1918

SECOND son of Irven Willis Raymond, of 105 Ashley Gardens, London, S.W., and of his wife, Sara Raymond.

Lieutenant Raymond joined the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry, as 2nd Lieutenant, in November, 1914. He went to France in June, 1916, and was mentioned in Despatches in that year. In 1917 he transferred to the 2nd Lancers (Indian Cavalry), and in September, 1918, was attached to the Mysore Lancers. He was killed in action four miles north of Aleppo on October 26th, 1918. Early in the day his horse was killed under him and he himself wounded. He fell emptying his revolver on the advancing Turks.

Colonel Knowles, 2nd Lancers (Indian Cavalry), wrote :—

“How deeply we all sympathize with you and say how much we all esteemed and loved your son. You probably know how fond we all were of him. He was one of the most promising young Officers who ever joined the Indian Cavalry.”

Colonel H. Templer, Officer Commanding Cavalry Base Dépôt, wrote :—

“I took a great fancy to him. He was a keen soldier, energetic in his work, always so courteous in his manner. In fact he was as gentle as a woman and as manly as a man. His loss will be felt by all who knew him.”

Colonel Lambert, Mysore Lancers, wrote :—

“Raymond was killed with his Squadron. His horse was first shot, and he was wounded. Later on he was seen firing his revolver into the advancing enemy. I liked Raymond immensely. . . . He has made himself much liked by all Officers and men. He was a keen and good soldier.”

Captain Jackson, Mysore Lancers, wrote :—

“Had he lived, he would, I am sure, have got the M.C.”



WYNNE DUDLEY RAYMOND

COLONEL E. R. REID, C.B., D.S.O.

Army Pay Department

The Park 64¹-65²

Aged 68

October 14th, 1918

FIFTH son of the late Lestock Robert Reid, I.C.S., Governor of Bombay 1846-47, and of his wife, Jane Boileau Reid.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married, in November, 1901, Helena K. Coltson, widow of C. C. D. Coltson, and leaves two children.

Colonel Reid was gazetted to the 108th Regiment in 1869. After seven years' service in India he was for two years in Burmah with the 48th (Essex) Regiment. In 1881 he transferred to the Army Pay Department and served on General Warren's Staff in the Bechuanaland Campaign, being twice mentioned in Despatches. He was on active service during the South African War, receiving the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps, and was awarded the D.S.O. He was subsequently promoted Colonel and Chief Paymaster, and was Command Paymaster, first of the Eastern, and then of the Western Command. In 1909 he was made a C.B., retiring in 1910.

On the outbreak of the War he volunteered at once for active service, and for two and a half years acted as Command Paymaster of the Eastern and Southern Commands, when he was finally retired. His health had been seriously affected by hard work, and he died from heart disease at Colchester on October 14th, 1918.



ELLIS RAMSAY REID

CAPTAIN N. M. REID

Royal Army Service Corps

The Knoll 91³—93³

Aged 39

January 12th, 1917

YOUNGEST son of William Livingstone Reid, Squatter and one of the first South Australian Pioneers, and of his wife, Isabella Emily Reid.

Chartered Accountant.

Captain Reid joined the Army Service Corps as a Private in 1915, and received his Commission shortly after, being promoted Captain in 1916. He was then transferred to the Embarkation Staff at Avonmouth.

He died from appendicitis on January 12th, 1917, at the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol.

Colonel P. R. Mantell, A.S.C., Embarkation Staff, wrote :—

“ Captain Reid was a very much respected and popular Officer. He was very keen about his work and will be greatly missed by us all. He was very hard-working and zealous in everything he undertook.”

Lieut.-Colonel E. V. Thompson, A.S.C., wrote :—

“ I had the pleasure of serving with Captain Reid for some sixteen months, and I regarded him as a very valuable colleague, so much so that, when the opportunity arose to allow him to transfer to a higher grade, despite some opposition from my branch at the War Office, I did all I could to ensure his getting his Staff appointment, and I quite looked forward to seeing him, before the end of the War, one of the particularly successful men. Whilst at work or play he was always the brightest and cheeriest of comrades and will be greatly missed.”

Major P. Bradford wrote :—

“ He was one of the best of pals, true as steel and straight as a die, and had such a splendid influence over the men under him both at work or at games. I don't know what we shall do without his keenness at everything.”



NORMAN MALCOLM REID

CAPTAIN C. F. P. REYNARD

East Yorkshire Regiment

Moretons 03¹-06²

Aged 29

June 16th, 1918

THIRD surviving son of Frederick Reynard (O.H.), Vice-President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, of Sunderlandwick, Driffield, and of his wife, Edith Reynard.

Trinity Hall, Cambridge, B.A. In business in the City.

Captain Reynard obtained a Commission in the East Yorkshire Regiment and went to the Front in March, 1915. He served with the 1st Battalion in the Ypres Salient and was seriously wounded at the Battle of Hooze, in August, 1915. After being in hospital at Etaples and in London, he was sent, when fit for light duty, to the 3rd Battalion in England. In June, 1917, he returned to France, being stationed first at Etaples and then at Abercourt, at which latter place he died from a fractured skull, through a fall from his horse while on duty, on June 16th, 1918.

A brother-officer wrote :—

“He was the most generous and unselfish of pals, and always so cheery.”

Another wrote :—

“His brother-officers loved him, and his men adored him.”



CHARLES FREDERICK PETER REYNARD

CAPTAIN G. P. ROCH

Pembrokeshire Yeomanry

The Park 89²-91³

Aged 43

May 21st, 1918

ELDEST son of the late W. F. Roch, of Butter Hill, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, and grandson of the late W. R. H. Powell, M.P., D.L., J.P., of Maesgwynne, Carmarthenshire.

His youngest brother, Captain W. P. Roch (O.H.), an account of whom appears on the next page, was killed in action in Palestine on March 11th, 1918.

Married, in 1899, Muriel, only child of F. Thomson, of Lansdowne Crescent, Cheltenham.

Captain Roch lived at Maesgwynne and was High Sheriff for Pembrokeshire, D.L. and J.P. for Carmarthenshire. He was one of the best shots in Wales and won many cups at the Gun Club. At one time he held the rank of Captain in the Carmarthen Artillery Militia.

He joined the Pembrokeshire Yeomanry in 1915 and went to the Front in April, 1918, being then attached to the Shropshire Light Infantry. He was killed in action on May 21st, 1918, at Mt. Kemmel, in Flanders.



GEORGE POWELL ROCH

CAPTAIN W. P. ROCH

Welsh Horse

The Park 95²-99¹

Aged 36

March 11th, 1918

YOUNGEST son of the late W. F. Roch, of Butter Hill, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, and grandson of the late W. R. H. Powell, M.P., D.L., J.P., of Maesgwynne, Carmarthenshire.

His eldest brother, Captain G. P. Roch (O.H.), an account of whom appears on the previous page, was killed in action in Flanders, on May 21st, 1918.

Captain Roch had been for five years Indigo planting in India. He subsequently returned home and became Master and Huntsman of the Tivyside Hounds. He rode eighteen winners of Point-to-Points in Tivyside, Pembrokeshire, and Carmarthenshire.

He joined the Welsh Horse and fought all through the Gallipoli campaign. He was then sent to Palestine where he was severely wounded in November, 1917. He rejoined in the following March, straight from Hospital, being attached to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and was killed at Abur Tel, ten miles from Jerusalem, on March 11th, 1918.



WILLIAM PROTHEROE ROCH

LIEUT.-COLONEL R. H. SANDERSON

Royal Artillery

The Park 90³-95²

Aged 41

April 17th, 1918

ONLY son of Prebendary Edward Sanderson, of Uckfield Rectory, Sussex, and of Mrs. Edward Sanderson.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A., 1900. Rowed for three years in the Head of the River Boat, and for two years in the Cambridge University Boat: won the University Fours and the Lowe Double Sculls twice, and the Colquhoun Sculls. In 1908 rowed for England in the Leander VIII at the Olympic Regatta at Henley, which defeated Hungary, Canada, and Belgium.

Married, in August, 1916, Norah Dorothy, eldest daughter of Warwick and Frances Butler, of Linden Lodge, Dorchester, and leaves one son.

Lieut.-Colonel Sanderson joined the Royal Horse Artillery soon after coming down from Cambridge and, as Captain, went to France in the 3rd R.H.A. Brigade with the original Expeditionary Force. He was through the Retreat from Mons and in all the heavy fighting up to the end of 1914. He was mentioned in Despatches in October, 1914, and received the Legion of Honour for distinction in the operations of August 21st-30th, 1914. In the fight at Petit Morin when all the other Officers of the Battery were killed or wounded he succeeded in bringing the Battery safely out of action. In January, 1915, he was recalled home to train a new Battery, which he took out to the Front in May of that year. In May, 1916, he was appointed to command D (R.H.A.) Battery and served with it till June, 1917, when he again returned home to organize a command dépôt of some six thousand men. He returned to the Front in March, 1918, and was given command of a Brigade. He was killed, almost instantaneously, by the bursting of a shell, while trying to find the head-quarters of a neighbouring group, and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, near Poperinghe.

Brigadier-General White, R.A., wrote :—

“ We have had some stirring times since the offensive began, and Sandy did splendidly and was the greatest help and comfort to me. He was always cool, and one could invariably place reliance on his sound judgment. I should most certainly have recommended him for a D.S.O., and I think it is safe to say he would have got it.”

Another wrote :—

“ I don't think I ever knew any man who was so entirely above and beyond the mean things of life. They simply did not figure on his horizon.”



RONALD HARCOURT SANDERSON

CADET T. L. SANDERSON

Household Brigade O.C.B.

The Grove 14²-18²

Aged 18

December 9th, 1918

ELDER son of John Tunstall Sanderson, Solicitor, of Carus Lodge, near Lancaster, and of his wife, Josephine Mary Sanderson.

Was under articles of clerkship to his father.

Cadet Sanderson joined the Household Brigade O.C.B. with the intention of entering the Coldstream Guards. He died, on December 9th, 1918, at Barnet Military Hospital, from pneumonia following influenza.

Colonel Crichton, Coldstream Guards, wrote:—

“He gave promise of making a very good Officer.”

Major Pike, Coldstream Guards, wrote:—

“Your boy was a hard worker and doing everything to turn himself into an efficient Officer.”

Captain Walker, Coldstream Guards, wrote:—

“A very promising Cadet, who would have developed into a fine Officer.”



THOMAS LANCELOT SANDERSON

LIEUTENANT J. R. SAUNDERS

Coldstream Guards

Newlands 13³-15³

Aged 20

November 4th, 1918

ELDEST SON of Edward Saunders, of Tongaat, Natal, South Africa, and of his wife, Gertrude Saunders.

Football XI, 1914-15 ; Captain, 1915.

Lieutenant Saunders obtained a Commission in the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards on leaving Harrow, which he did, at his own earnest request, before he was eighteen. He went to France in January, 1917. He was subsequently for some months on the Staff, as A.D.C. to Major-General Fielding, commanding a Division on the Western Front. In September, 1918, he transferred to the 2nd Battalion.

He was killed in action by a shell at Villers-Pol, south of Valenciennes, on November 4th, 1918.

In 1917 he won the Bayonet Fighting Competition in the Guards Division.

General Fielding wrote:—

"He was with me as my A.D.C. for some months and I had grown very fond of him. He was such a particularly nice fellow and most popular with the whole Staff, as well as being a good Officer."

Colonel Crichton wrote from the Regimental H.Q. Coldstream Guards:—

"He leaves behind him a wonderful record of good work, well done. He was a splendid Officer and one whom the Regiment can ill afford to lose. It is indeed hard that he should have lost his life when victory was in sight."

Colonel Spencer, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, wrote:—

"His death will be a great grief to all ranks, to whom his unfailing pluck and cheerfulness were always a source of encouragement, even in the most trying circumstances."

Lieut.-Colonel Brassy wrote:—

"He had been with the Battalion such a short time, but long enough for all of us to find out what a good Officer he was."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"You cannot believe how deeply I feel for you at Jim's death, it is a terrible blow to me, as he was my greatest friend in the Regiment. I never dreamt of his getting killed, as he was always so lucky."



JAMES RENAULT SAUNDERS

2ND LIEUTENANT F. R. SEELY

Hampshire Regiment

The Headmaster's 10²-15¹

Aged 20

April 13th, 1917

ELDEST SON of Major-General the Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seely (O.H.), C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Privy Councillor, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, and of his wife, the late Emily Florence, daughter of Colonel the Hon. Sir H. G. L. Crichton.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

2nd Lieutenant Seely on leaving Sandhurst was gazetted to the Hampshire Regiment. He went to France as A.D.C. to his father, commanding the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, in January, 1916, and joined his Regiment in January, 1917. He was killed while in command of a Company of his Regiment at the Battle of Arras, on April 13th, 1917.



FRANK REGINALD SEELY

CAPTAIN A. M. SHAW

Yorkshire Regiment

Moretons 01²-06²

Aged 31

April 10th, 1918

SON of John Edward Shaw, J.P., of Brooklands, near Halifax, and of his wife, Ella Grant Shaw.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, B.A., Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, practising on the N.E. Circuit.

Captain Shaw joined the Public Schools Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment in September, 1914, and obtained a Commission in the 12th Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment in March, 1915. He went out to France with his Battalion in June, 1916, and was promoted Captain in July, 1917.

He went into action, near Steenwerck, on April 10th, 1918, with his Company and was subsequently reported 'missing.'

His Commanding Officer wrote at the time :—

"I am of opinion that Alex strayed into the enemy's hands in endeavouring to find suitable cover for his men, and he was too brave a man to give himself up without a fight."

The following report from one of his men, which was received later, unfortunately leaves no doubt as to his death :—

"Captain Shaw was in Y Company. He was killed on the 10th April, 1918, while fighting with a German officer. They were not far apart and were sniping one another. I saw this, and I saw Captain Shaw fall as I was a bit behind. Three of us were near him and we retired into a shell hole, but we could not get near him as the Germans were advancing. He fell straight down and did not move at all, and that was the last we saw of him.

"He was well liked by the boys and was a good soldier."



ALEXANDER MORTON SHAW

LIEUTENANT E. B. SHELLEY

Grenadier Guards

Small Houses 10¹-13²

Aged 22

September 12th, 1918

YOUNGER son of the late Captain George Ernest Shelley, and of Mrs. G. E. Shelley, of Bournemouth.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieutenant Shelley joined the Grenadier Guards in December, 1915. He went to France in June, 1916, and was wounded at Ginchy in September of that year. From May, 1917, to June, 1918, he was Acting-Captain, as Instructor, at the Household Brigade O.C.B. He returned to France in August, 1918, and was killed in action at Mœuvres on September 12th, 1918, while serving with the 1st Battalion of his Regiment.



ERNEST BOWEN SHELLEY

2ND LIEUTENANT H. S. SHERWOOD

Shropshire Light Infantry

Home Boarders 13²-17¹

Aged 19

August 29th, 1918

SECOND son of Henry Sherwood, of Highlands, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of his wife, Annie Sherwood.

2nd Lieutenant Sherwood joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. on leaving Harrow, and was given a Commission in the 1/4 King's Shropshire Light Infantry, then in Ireland. He went to France in July, 1918, being attached to the 1/3 Battalion. He was killed by machine-gun fire near Vieille Chapelle, on August 29th, 1918.



HAMILTON STANLEY SHERWOOD

CAPTAIN O. W. SICHEL

Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Elmfield 06³-10⁸

Agéd 25

October 25th, 1918

SECOND and only surviving son of Walter Sydney Sichel (O.H.), Author and Barrister-at-Law, of 50 Egerton Gardens, London, S.W., and of his wife, Constance Elizabeth Sichel, eldest daughter of the late John Holms, M.P. for Hackney and a member of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone's Government.

Football XI, 1908-10. Was well known, both at Harrow and afterwards, for his fine voice, and in his memory the 'Oliver Sichel Prize' for singing was founded by his father.

Was in business in Manchester.

Captain Sichel joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. on the outbreak of the War and was subsequently given a Commission in the Warwickshire Regiment. He was gazetted Captain in June, 1915. He joined his Battalion in France in November, 1916, near Albert and Péronne. He was invalided home in the following August and was then offered an Instructorship, but refused it and returned to France in January, 1918, being then attached to the 2/6 Battalion. In the Retreat of March, 1918, he commanded a Pioneer Battalion with marked success. He came home on leave in August, 1918, and again refused the offer of an excellent appointment in order to return to the Front. On October 24th, 1918, he led an attack on the village of Vendégies, between Cambrai and Valenciennes, marching ahead with a Lewis gun section, when unexpectedly a strong enemy artillery fire arose. He at once sent men back with all military papers and pressed on with four men to the western outskirts of the village. He was then badly wounded and left in a house which was subsequently occupied by the Germans. Three attempts were made to rescue him, but it was not till he had been there for fourteen hours that a counter-attack succeeded in recapturing the part of the village in which he was lying. He was taken back to Casualty Clearing Station No. 45, at Avignont, where he died next day, on October 25th, 1918.

Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Muriel, commanding 2/6 Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, wrote to his father :—

"Your son was immensely popular with all ranks in the Battalion, as was evinced by the many gallant efforts made to get him back during the day. In the attack on the morning of the 24th, Captain Sichel led his men with the utmost dash and gallantry. Had he lived he would undoubtedly have received the just reward for such gallantry."



OLIVER WALTER SICHEL

MAJOR R. CORDY SIMPSON

West Kent Yeomanry

Druries 97¹-01³

Aged 35

February 27th, 1919

YOUNGER SON of the late George Simpson, of Wray Park, Reigate, and of Mrs. Simpson.

Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A., 1906. Played Golf for Cambridge University, 1904-6, being Captain in 1906.

Married, in 1908, Finovola, only daughter of Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Bart., K.C.B., and leaves two sons.

Major Cordy Simpson joined the West Kent (Q.O.) Yeomanry in 1908, and on the outbreak of the War volunteered with his Regiment for foreign service. He accompanied his Regiment to Gallipoli in September, 1915, as Brigade Machine Gun Officer, South-Eastern Mounted Brigade, but was invalided home with dysentery and neuritis. Being unfit for further oversea duty he served with the second line of his Regiment in Suffolk and Ireland. He died on February 27th, 1919, from bronchial pneumonia following influenza, at Mrs. Robert Fleming's Hospital for Officers, 27, Grosvenor Square, W.

His General wrote:—

"He was one of the very best Officers in my Brigade, always cheery and loyal, and so capable and hopeful. He is a loss not only to his own family, but to the Regiment and the brother-officers who were associated with him. He did such truly splendid work on my Staff at Gallipoli and was a great loss to me and to the Brigade when he went away sick."

His Colonel wrote:—

"Everyone who knew Roger will greatly feel his loss. On foreign service one finds out what a man is, and there is no one who served with Roger that did not hold him in the highest esteem as a brave and gallant friend. I am very sensible of the splendid loyalty and friendship he shewed me while with the Regiment."



ROGER CORDY SIMPSON

2ND LIEUTENANT D. H. A. SIMSON

Royal Field Artillery

The Knoll 12²-16²

Aged 20

September 18th, 1918

ONLY child of the late David Simson, Chairman of the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway, of Ickleford Manor, Hitchin, and of Mrs. Simson. R.M.A., Woolwich, 1916.

2nd Lieutenant Simson went to France with his Battery in October, 1917. On September 18th, 1918, he was wounded in the thigh when acting as Forward Observing Officer, during the Battle of St. Quentin. He refused to crawl back to safety saying that if he rested he could still go on. He continued observing and sending messages for two hours, after which his signaller returned to the Battery to get a stretcher. When the search party returned they could find no trace of him, and it was not until ten days later that he was found some distance off with a shrapnel wound in the head. His map was beside him, and it seems that he must have struggled on to get more and better information when he was killed by the bursting of a shell. His body was taken back to the Battery and was buried in the Trefcon Military Cemetery.

His Colonel wrote :—

"I know that I have lost a valuable Officer, who was promising exceedingly well, and who was beloved by every one with whom he came in contact."

His Major wrote :—

"I myself feel his loss most keenly, he was such a cheery boy, as well as a most efficient Officer, one whom I relied on always to do things thoroughly, and I know it will be impossible to replace him."

His Captain wrote :—

"I cannot say how sad I am in losing one of my best friends, and your son's loss will be felt throughout the whole Battery. He was simply grand in any 'show' and worthy of the name of an 'Officer and a gentleman.'"

His servant wrote :—

"Mr. Simson always thought more of his duty than of his life. . . . He was the best Officer in the whole Battery, the most pleasant and gallant that we had, and we all miss him terribly. He talked to us as no one else ever did, and the remembrance of what he said will remain with us all our lives. Only for that smile of his the boys would have given their lives. He was the coolest Officer, too, under shell fire that ever I saw, and when we went out with him we always felt safe. Everyone in the Battery had a good word for him, and I heard them all say they had lost their best Officer."



DAVID HENRY AINSWORTH SIMSON

CAPTAIN G. SKIRROW

West Yorkshire Regiment

High Street 10³-14⁷

Aged 22

August 27th, 1918

ONLY son of John W. Skirrow and of the late Mrs. Skirrow, of 19 Thurlow Road, Hampstead, and Masham, Yorkshire.

Clare College, Cambridge. Was reading for the Bar.

Captain Skirrow was given a Commission in the West Yorkshire Regiment in February, 1915, and went to France in January, 1917. His Regiment was actively engaged up to the end of July, 1918, when it was disbanded and he was attached to the 4th Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed on August 27th, 1918, near Bapaume.

Colonel Chaytor, under whom he was serving when he was killed, wrote:—

“On August 25th, 1918, his leadership and example were mainly instrumental in driving back an enemy counter-attack at a critical moment, and all the Officers and men who saw him during that period state that his conduct was absolutely magnificent, as well as later on when he had to consolidate the ground under very heavy shell fire. He did not seem to know what fear was, and his men were absolutely devoted to him. He is a great loss to us.”



GEOFFREY SKIRROW

LIEUTENANT J. F. SNOWBALL

Royal Army Service Corps

Elmfield 99³-03³

Aged 32

September 29th, 1918

ONLY son of the late Francis John Snowball, Land Agent, of Seaton Burn House, Dudley, Northumberland, and of Mrs. Snowball, of 16 Dudley Villas, Kensington.

Land Agent.

Married, in 1912, Florence Elizabeth Dove, and leaves a son and a daughter.

Shortly after the outbreak of the War Lieutenant Snowball joined the 6th Northumberland Fusiliers, and, being an expert motorist, he transferred to the Mounted Transport of the Scottish Horse. He left Morpeth with that force for the Dardanelles, but was invalided home from Egypt, suffering from asthma and dysentery. On his recovery he was sent out to Mesopotamia in charge of a motor ambulance convoy. In Mesopotamia he became a victim of asthma and malaria and was sent to Karachi, in India, whence he was again invalided home. After a period of convalescence he joined the M.T.A.S. Corps and had lately been attached to the 112th Canadian Forestry Company, and was serving with them at the time of his death.

He was severely injured in a motor accident near the top of Hampeth Bank and was immediately taken to the Alnwick Infirmary, where he died of his injuries on September 29th, 1918.



JOSEPH FRANCIS SNOWBALL

CAPTAIN W. A. STIRLING

Seaforth Highlanders

Elmfield 10³-14²

Aged 20

October 14th, 1916

SECOND son of the late Major William Stirling, of Fairburn, Muir-of-Ord, and of his wife, Charlotte Eva Stirling.

On leaving Harrow in the summer of 1914 Captain Stirling immediately joined the Seaforth Highlanders. He went to the Front in France in November, 1914, but, after two months, was invalided home and then went to the R.M.C., Sandhurst, returning to France in August, 1915, where he served up to the time of his death, being all through the First Battle of the Somme.

On October 14th, 1916, he was reported 'missing' at Les Bœufs. He was commanding his Company in a night attack and endeavoured to get in touch with the rest of the attacking force. He was never seen again after he left his Company, and heavy shell fire began soon after on the area in which he was.

His Colonel and brother-officers wrote testifying to his courage and coolness in the face of danger, and of his wonderful leadership. His men were devoted to him, and would follow him anywhere. His Platoon in the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders was later commanded by his younger brother, J. E. Stirling (O.H.).



WILLIAM AENEAS STIRLING

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. STORR, D.S.O.

Middlesex Regiment

Moretons 89²-93²

Aged 43

August 15th, 1918

ELDER SON of Henry Storr, of Matfield Court, Kent, and of his wife, Marian Storr.

R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Lieut.-Colonel Storr obtained his Commission in the Middlesex Regiment in 1895, and saw service in the South African War, being present at Spion Kop, the Tugela Heights, and the Relief of Ladysmith. He was mentioned in Despatches and received the Queen's and King's Medals with eight clasps. In 1912 he retired with the rank of Major, to take up the Lay Secretaryship of the C.E.M.S., and was placed on the Reserve of Officers.

He rejoined his Regiment on the outbreak of the War, and commanded the 4th Middlesex in France from November, 1914, to February, 1915. For his services in France he was awarded the D.S.O. During the summer of 1915 he was in command of an Officers' Training Camp at Fort Darland, Chatham, but returned to France in November of that year to command the 18th Middlesex Regiment. He was wounded in both hands by a shell which exploded just behind him, in March, 1918.

He died on August 15th, 1918, in Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, from influenza and pneumonia, following upon the wounds he had received in action.

A brother-officer wrote:—

"I cannot tell you how greatly impressed I have been by his devotion to his convictions, and what a loss he is to the Army generally and to his Regiment in particular. Not only will he be missed as a fine soldier, but for his splendidly strong and earnest example and good influence."



HENRY STORR

LIEUTENANT A. H. STRUTT

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment

The Park 09³-13²

Aged 22

April 27th, 1918

SECOND SON of George Herbert Strutt (O.H.), D.L., J.P. for Derbyshire, of Makeney House, near Derby, and of his wife, the late Edith Adela Strutt, *née* Balguy.

Lieutenant Strutt joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. early in 1915, and subsequently obtained a Commission in the Sherwood Foresters. He went to France with his Regiment in March, 1916, and was through most of the Somme fighting of that year, but was invalided home with trench fever in December, 1916. After a period of home service, chiefly at Sunderland, he returned to the Front in October, 1917, and again saw a great deal of fighting. In March, 1918, he had ten days' leave and went back to France just as the great enemy offensive began on March 21st. His Battalion suffered severely; he was gassed early in the fighting and, on April 16th, was wounded in the ear, but continued on duty. On April 27th, 1918, while in command of his Company, he was standing outside a dug-out in the ruined village of Vermoozeele, when a shell exploded very near him, and a fragment hit him on the thigh and unfortunately severed the main artery. He was attended to quickly, but was unconscious from the time he was hit till the time of his death a little later.

All his brother-officers except one had been killed, but his newly-appointed Colonel wrote :—

“He was liked and respected by both Officers and men. He had had a particularly strenuous time, both on the Somme, and up here, and was feeling pretty bad, but he had done particularly fine work, and most certainly would have obtained a decoration, had he lived.”



ANTHONY HERBERT STRUTT

PRIVATE G. W. TATTERSALL

Royal Fusiliers

West Acre 10²-14²

Aged 20

July 30th, 1916

ELDEST son of William Tattersall and of his wife, Helen Tattersall.

Private Tattersall left Harrow in July, 1914, to join the Army, and enlisted in the 22nd Battalion Public Schools Corps, Royal Fusiliers. He went to the Front in November, 1914, but was invalided home in the following February having contracted bronchitis. He went out to France again in June, 1916, going straight into the front line. He was in a very hot engagement on July 30th, and was seen entering a German trench. Nothing more was ever heard of him. His Company suffered severe loss, not a single Officer being left. His Sergeant said he had just been made Lance-Corporal.

A friend in his Regiment wrote to his father :—

“All I spoke to said that Mr. Geoffrey was a good and brave fellow, and I can assure you it gave me great pleasure to hear him praised so. You both have cause to be very proud of him.”



GEOFFREY WILLIAM TATTERSALL

CAPTAIN C. E. H. TEMPEST-HICKS, M.C.

16th Lancers

West Acre 02²-07²

Aged 29

August 9th, 1918

ONLY son of Brigadier-General Henry Tempest-Hicks (O.H.), C.B., and of his wife, Anne Georgiana Tempest-Hicks.

R.M.C., Sandhurst : awarded the Sword of Honour : Sandhurst Cricket XI.

Won a prize in the Competition for the Duke of Connaught's Cup for Officers' Jumping at Olympia ; won the 16th Lancers Light Weight Point-to-Point, and many other races. Was a member of the M.C.C., I. Zingari, and Free Foresters Cricket Clubs.

Captain Tempest-Hicks went to France with his Regiment in August, 1914. On the first day of meeting the enemy, when on patrol, seeing one of his men down under his horse, he galloped out alone under heavy fire to rescue him, his own horse being shot underneath him. He was wounded in September, 1914. In February, 1915, when the trench held by the 16th Lancers was blown up, he ran out his machine-gun section into the open to engage the German rush.

He was awarded the Military Cross.

On August 9th, 1918, as he was leading his Squadron into action at Warvillers, he was torn from his horse by a piece of shell, but, being still conscious, he ordered the Squadron to go on, and asked that his sword might be sent home. He was placed on an ambulance, but died on reaching the Clearing Station.

Colonel Eccles, D.S.O., 16th Lancers, wrote:—

"He was an extraordinarily fine character in every way. As a soldier I cannot write all I thought of him—gallant to a degree, capable and keen, always cheerful under the most trying circumstances. The country has lost a fine example of what a British Officer should be."

Brig.-General B. P. Portal, C.B., D.S.O., wrote:—

"I can truthfully say he was one of the best Cavalry Officers I have ever had to do with. His cheerfulness and energy were unfailing."

A Major of the 16th Lancers wrote:—

"He was the life and soul of the Regiment. I think he never knew what fear was, and he was certainly one of the bravest fellows I ever met ; he loved being shot at. I am sure if he had had a choice he would have chosen as he did, to die leading his Squadron in some desperate charge. I can't think how the Regiment gets on without him."



CHARLES EDWARD HENRY TEMPEST-HICKS

LIEUTENANT H. G. M. VICKERS

16th Cavalry, Indian Army, R.O.

The Park 002-042

Aged 32

October 30th, 1918

SECOND son of James Muschamp Vickers, Barrister-at-Law, and of his wife, Annie Elizabeth Vickers, of Waltham House, Great Waltham, Essex.

New College, Oxford; B.A. 1908. Passed into the Indian Civil Service on coming down from Oxford and left for India in October, 1910. He remained in India for four and a half years as Assistant Commissioner in Eastern Bengal and Assam.

As soon as his services could be spared Lieutenant Vickers, who belonged to the 16th Cavalry, Indian Army, R.O., and was subsequently attached to the 13th Lancers, went to the Front in Mesopotamia in January, 1917. He was present at the retaking of Kut, Diala River, and the battle south of Mosul from 24th to 30th October, 1918. He was killed on October 30th, 1918, in the last hour of the fighting against the Turks, while rounding up a convoy on the Mosul Road, near Quaiaragh.

Major G. Newall Watson, 13th Lancers, 7th Cavalry Brigade, M.E.F., wrote to his sister :—

"I know it will cheer you up to know that your brother was killed in the way I am sure he would have wished, doing his duty as a gallant soldier. . . . Vic (his name in the Regiment) was in my Squadron for about a year and a half, and apart from being my Subaltern was a great pal of mine, and I can't tell you how much I and all of us miss him. We were charging a Turkish force, and although I was not with him the moment he was shot I was with him immediately afterwards."

Extract from the *Assam Gazette*, November, 1918.

"The Chief Commissioner has learned with great regret that Mr. H. G. M. Vickers, I.C.S., a Lieutenant in the Indian Army, Reserve of Officers, attached to the 13th Lancers, was killed in action on October 30th. Mr. Vickers was a very keen and promising Officer, and also a good rider and sportsman, who joined the Army as soon as he could be spared from his civil duties. His death will be widely mourned by his many friends."



HUGH GORDON MUSCHAMP VICKERS

LIEUTENANT J. C. G. WARWICK

South Notts Hussars

West Acre 08³-10²

Aged 23

May 27th, 1918

THIRD SON of John F. Warwick, Company Director, of Upton Hall, Southwell, Notts, and of his wife, Gertrude Warwick.

Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Was farming.

Lieutenant Warwick, on the outbreak of the War, immediately enlisted as a Trooper in the South Notts Hussars. In April, 1915, he was given a Commission in this Regiment, and in the same month he embarked for active service in Egypt and afterwards in Salonica, serving in the Struma Valley. In January, 1917, he was invalided home suffering from malaria and enteric. On his recovery he served for some months in Ireland, subsequently rejoining his Regiment in Palestine. The Regiment was then ordered to France for active service and embarked on the 'Leasowe Castle.' About 100 miles from Alexandria the transport was torpedoed. His Troop was the last to leave the ship and about 100 men, of whom he was one, were 'missing, believed drowned,' when she sank soon after midnight on May 27th, 1918.

His Colonel wrote during his illness:—

"He is a very keen and good Officer, and I much regret both his absence and the reason of it, and hope he may make a rapid recovery, now he is back in England. Last summer in the Struma Valley was a great trial for all."

A Major in his Regiment wrote :—

"It is a most awful calamity and everybody in the Regiment is so sorry about Ceddie. He was awfully popular with Officers and men, and I know that the Colonel had the highest opinion of him as a soldier, as I had, and I well remember how much I had to rely upon him when, in Salonica, I commanded 'C' Squadron."



JOHN CEDRIC GEOFFREY WARWICK

MAJOR W. E. WATSON, D.S.O.

6th Dragoon Guards

Rendalls 90³-92³

Aged 38

October 31st, 1914

SON of William Watson, of Bromborough, Cheshire, and of Mrs. Watson.

Married, in 1905, Daisy, daughter of the Rev. T. Stanley Treanor, and leaves two daughters.

Major Watson joined the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers) from the Militia in May, 1897, becoming Lieutenant in January, 1899.

He served in the South African War from 1899 to 1902 and was Adjutant of the 1st Imperial Light Horse from January, 1901, to May, 1902. He took part in the Relief of Kimberley, and was present at operations in the Orange Free State, at Paardeberg, in the Transvaal, and in Cape Colony, including the actions at Poplar Grove, Driefontein, Karee Siding, Zand River, Diamond Hill, Riet Vlei, Belfast, and Colesberg. He was mentioned in Despatches, received the Queen's Medal with six clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps, and was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in September, 1901.

He was promoted Captain in 1901 and was Adjutant of his Regiment from July, 1907, to April, 1910, in which year he became Major.

He went to France on the outbreak of the War and his name was shown among the casualties included in the Army List for March, 1915, as 'missing, believed killed,' on October 31st, 1914. Since then, as nothing has been heard of him, his death has been presumed.



WILLIAM ERNEST WATSON

CAPTAIN A. N. H. WEEKES, M.C.

Royal Sussex Regiment

Church Hill 03¹-07²

Aged 29

July 29th, 1918

ELDEST son of Arthur Weekes (O.H.), J.P., Bengal Civil Service, and of his wife, Jessie Nelson Weekes.

New College, Oxford. Chartered Accountant.

Captain Weekes, who already held a Commission in the 4th (Terr.) Battalion Sussex Regiment, was sent to Gallipoli in 1915. In 1916 he went to Egypt, in the following year to Palestine, and in 1918 to France. He was mentioned in Despatches. He was killed in action at Grand Rozoy, in France, on July 29th, 1918.

His Colonel wrote to his father:—

“He was not only one of my best friends, but was also one of the best Officers I have ever known, thoroughly efficient and thoroughly brave. It is something great to feel that you have had such a son and to know what splendid work he has done and how much he was loved by all.”

His Brigadier wrote:—

“Your son had only been in my Brigade a month, but that was quite time enough for me to discover, not only his high ability as a soldier, but also his great personal charm. Believe me when I say that I feel that I have indeed lost a friend as well as an excellent Officer. As you know, at the time of his death he was commanding his Battalion, and the papers have told you how brilliantly the Division behaved. His Battalion was foremost in every attack, and it is the exact truth to say he fell at the moment of victory.”



ARTHUR NELSON HAMPTON WEEKES

CAPTAIN V. E. O. WELCH

London Rifle Brigade

Home Boarders 10³-14^a

Aged 21

August 30th, 1918

ONLY son of Colonel George Osbaldeston Welch, C.B., and of Mrs. Welch, and great-grandson of the late G. A. W. Welch, J.P., D.L., of Arle House, Gloucestershire.

Monitor, Head of the Home Boarders, 1913-14.

Won the Ponsonby, and Hertford College, Oxford, Scholarships.

Captain Welch joined the 2nd (Service) Battalion London Rifle Brigade, T.F., on leaving Harrow in December, 1914. He went to France with his Regiment in January, 1917, and saw a good deal of heavy fighting during the early part of 1917, in the Arras sector. He was promoted Captain in February, 1917. He was slightly wounded in the cheek by a shell splinter on June 1st, 1917, and was twice blown up by a shell and wounded in the left hand on June 17th, 1917. After a spell of light duty at home, he volunteered and was passed fit for general service and returned to France in August, 1918, joining the 1st Battalion of his Regiment. He was instantaneously killed by a shell on August 30th, 1918, after going through the heavy fighting in the advance on Bullecourt.

His Colonel wrote :—

“He had only been a short time with the 1st Battalion, but had already proved himself to be a really capable and gallant Company Commander. He was in ‘A’ Company during the recent fighting, in the course of which he led his Company to the attack five times in five days, on all occasions doing everything that could be expected of him. I feel that I have lost a reliable and brave Officer at a time when he can be ill spared.”

A brother-officer wrote to his father:—

“Everyone speaks very highly of his leadership during the late attacks, and the Company did extremely well under his Command. The survivors wish me to express their deepest sympathy with you both, as I do myself.”

His ‘Company Runner’ during the heavy fighting before Bullecourt, August 25th-30th, 1918, wrote :—

“I enclose the last duplicate message written by your son. I have always valued it as a souvenir of him, but I feel it is my duty to send it to you, as it was the last thing he ever wrote. I always kept as near as possible to him in action, as he always inspired me with a feeling of confidence, for he was so cool and always smiling.”



VERE EDWARD OSBALDESTON WELCH

MAJOR J. F. WILKINSON, M.C.

Royal Field Artillery

Elmfield 09¹-12³

Aged 23

October 29th, 1918

SON of Alfred Maximilian Wilkinson (O.H.), of Wittersham, Kent, formerly of Warren Hill, Eastbourne, and of his wife, Ione Mary Wilkinson.

Monitor, 1911; Head of the Army Class.

R.M.C., Woolwich, 1912.

Major Wilkinson was gazetted to the Royal Field Artillery, and went to France in November, 1914. He was posted to the First Division and took part in the First Battle of Ypres. In 1916 he was appointed to the command of the 54th Battery, 39th Brigade, First Division, before he was twenty-one years old, being at that time the youngest acting Major in the old Army. In this Battery he remained till the day of his death. He was awarded the M.C. in June, 1916, and was mentioned in Despatches. He was twice wounded in 1914, and in 1918. He was killed on October 29th, 1918, while taking part in an attack near Catillon. When the Infantry were temporarily held up he went on encouraging and leading them, but was shot in the head just as the objective was reached. After having fought with so much honour all through the War he was killed only twelve days before the Armistice was signed. He was buried in the cemetery outside the village of La Vallée Mulatre, a few miles south of Le Cateau.

Brigadier-General Lewin wrote:—

“I cannot tell you how greatly we all feel the irreparable loss. The most gallant, warm-hearted, lovable comrade gone from us !”

His Colonel wrote :—

“In spite of very considerable difference in our ages I looked upon him as a close personal friend, whose loss touches me very nearly as a personal matter, besides depriving me of an able and gallant Battery Commander. But indeed we all loved him, and there is no one in the Division who does not regret his loss. Also he is not only a loss to me, but to the whole Regiment of Artillery, for he was quite one of the most promising and distinguished of our young Officers. . . . It is difficult to write so as not to appear intrusive, but, if not now, at all events in the future, you may care to know how dear he was to his brother-officers, and what a high opinion we had of him.”



JAMES FISCHER WILKINSON

CAPTAIN G. WILLIAMS

Welsh Regiment

The Park 03³-07²

Aged 29

November 15th, 1918

ONLY son of Robert Williams, of 35 Prince's Gardens, S.W., and Park House, Aberdeenshire, and of Mrs. Williams.

Trinity College, Cambridge ; B.A.

Married, in 1916, Phyllis, younger daughter of the late J. Grant Mackenzie, of Shanghai, and Harrow Weald.

Captain Williams joined the Welsh Regiment on the outbreak of the War and was sent to Gallipoli in 1915. He was wounded at Sari Bahr and, as he was also suffering from shell-shock, was invalided to Alexandria. He subsequently returned to Gallipoli and was in command of his Regiment for a short time, until he was invalided home. He was mentioned in Sir Ian Hamilton's Despatches. In December, 1916, he was sent to Central Africa on a Government mission and died of pneumonia at Elizabethville, Congo State, on November 15th, 1918.



GORDON WILLIAMS

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. A. WOLFE MURRAY, C.B.

Highland Light Infantry

High Street 80³-84²

Aged 52

December 7th, 1918

ELDEST son of James Wolfe Murray, of Cringletie, Peebles, and of his second wife, Louisa Grace, third daughter of Sir Adam Hay, of Haystoun. R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1886.

Married, in November, 1904, Evelyn Mackenzie, daughter of the late Colin Mackenzie, of Portmore, and leaves one son.

Brigadier-General Wolfe Murray joined the 1st Highland Light Infantry in 1886, and was quartered with them in Ireland, Egypt, Malta, and Crete. He served throughout the South African War, being present at the battles of Modder River, Magersfontein, and many other engagements; he was wounded, mentioned in Despatches, and received the Queen's and King's Medals with four clasps.

On August 13th, 1914, he took the 2nd Highland Light Infantry to France and commanded them until October, 1915; he was again mentioned in Despatches and given a C.B. early in 1915. He was then invalided home and after six weeks' sick leave was made a Brigadier-General and given a Home Brigade, which he commanded until June, 1918. In the following November he caught influenza and died of heart failure, very suddenly, on December 7th, 1918, in London.

The Peebleshire Advertiser wrote:—

“‘Arty’ (as he was affectionately termed by his intimates) will be greatly missed by a large circle of devoted friends, and by many acquaintances, for he was widely known both in military and sporting spheres. From boyhood he had a genius almost for all games—a good cricketer, a fine golfer, and excellent shot; a remarkable billiard player and a finished exponent of bridge—yet withal modest and unassuming, never boastful of his prowess, neither jealous of his equals or superiors, nor contemptuous of the many who fell short of his own high standard. A charming companion, of even temper, with a quiet but keen sense of humour, courteous to all, possessed of a fund of anecdote, he naturally attracted other men towards him, and few possessed as many friends as he.”

The Highland Light Infantry Chronicle wrote:—

“Even during the stress and strain of the past four years of war, during which the H.L.I. has had to mourn the loss of many a gallant comrade, no greater one has it sustained than that of ‘Arty’ Wolfe Murray. Almost all his service, from 2nd Lieutenant to Colonel, was passed in the Regiment, in which he was beloved and respected.”



ARTHUR ALEXANDER WOLFE MURRAY

MAJOR H. F. WOOD

9th Lancers (attached R.A.F.)

Rendalls 963-00

Aged 35

December 12th, 1918

ONLY son of Lieut.-Colonel D. E. Wood, C.B., of Kibworth, Leicester. R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Married Ethel Mary, daughter of the late Quintin Hogg, and leaves one daughter.

Major Wood was gazetted to the 9th Lancers on passing out of Sandhurst and joined his Regiment in India where he became a first-class polo player, having played No. 1 in the famous 9th Lancers team in India. He saw service in the South African War, receiving the King's Medal with three clasps. He took his Aero Club Certificate, No. 37, in 1910 and was a skilled pilot. In 1911 he joined the Reserve of Officers, when appointed Manager of Messrs. Vickers' Aviation Department.

On the outbreak of the War he went to France with his old Regiment, where he took part in the cavalry operations during the Retreat from Mons, including the famous charge at Le Cateau, and in the advance from the Marne. He was subsequently brought back from France by the authorities in the interests of aviation.

He died of meningitis following influenza on December 12th, 1918.

Major Wood was a pioneer of British aviation. When in 1911 Messrs. Vickers decided to start an Aviation Department he was placed in charge of it. He was one of the first people in this country to appreciate that ultimately aeroplanes must be built of metal, and Vickers tried many interesting experiments in this direction. He believed then thoroughly in the stationary radial air-cooled engine, and he was credited with the production, before the War, of the Vickers' Fighter, commonly known as the 'Gun Bus,' which was the first aeroplane to carry a machine gun satisfactorily. During the War his foresight, energy, and ability proved of great value to the Flying Services.

Letters received by his father from the great Vickers firm, from Messrs. Beardmore and Co., Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., and from the Society of British Aircraft Manufacturers bear ample testimony to his universal popularity, and to the splendid work he did in the aviation construction world.



HERBERT FREDERIC WOOD

CAPTAIN F. WOODCOCK, M.C.

Royal Garrison Artillery (attached R.A.F.)

The Knoll 11³-14*

Aged 21

October 31st, 1918

ONLY son of Frederick Arthur Woodcock, Solicitor, of Manchester, and of his wife, Ellen Woodcock.

Matriculated at Victoria University in July, 1914, and in the following September in the First Division at the London University. Was articled to his father in November, 1914, and passed the Intermediate Examination for the LL.B. Degree at Victoria University in June, 1915.

On reaching his 18th year in July, 1915, Captain Woodcock obtained a Commission in the R.G.A., and went to France in the following November, where he joined the 9th Brigade Heavy Artillery as 2nd Lieutenant. He remained there till April, 1917, when he became attached, as Observation Officer, to the R.F.C., and in September of that year was awarded the Military Cross "for most valuable work, and, on one occasion, in a very strong gale, flying low, he obtained information of the greatest importance."

He was killed on October 31st, 1918, near Roisel, in Northern France. He was starting for a flight when the machine seems to have come in contact with some explosive left on the ground, which, in its turn, exploded a bomb in the machine, with the result that he was killed, as well as a brother-officer, Lieutenant Jones, who went to his assistance, the machine being also destroyed.

Major Sowrey, commanding No. 101 Squadron R.A.F., wrote:—

"I need hardly say he was one of the most popular and capable Officers of this Squadron. He was promoted Flight Commander about two months ago for his good work, and there was no more gallant Officer in this Squadron, in fact he was 'earmarked' by me for further decoration."

Lieut.-Colonel Owen, R.G.A., wrote to his father:—

"I was most awfully fond of your boy and looked on him almost as a son or a younger brother during the long time he was under me as my Orderly Officer. Still he had flying at heart, and one had to let him go, and he had got on in a most wonderful way."

A brother-officer in the R.G.A. wrote:—

"I had not seen him for several months, but we lived together at the 9th Brigade for a long time, and I think our liking was mutual, and we wrote and heard of one another frequently. I feel the world is much emptier with his going, for a better and truer man I have yet to meet."



FREDERICK WOODCOCK

LIEUTENANT J. C. ZIGOMALA, M.B.E.

Irish Guards

Moretons 12¹-15²

Aged 21

August 25th, 1919

ONLY child of Major and Mrs. Zigomala.
R.M.C., Sandhurst, 1915.

Lieutenant Zigomala went to the Front in August, 1916, and was severely wounded in the following month during the Battle of the Somme. He was awarded the M.B.E. for 'gallant action' in saving life at a bombing accident. In April, 1917, he was gazetted to the Irish Guards and returned to France in November of that year. He was all through the heavy fighting with the Guards Division in the winter of 1917-18 and was again severely wounded during the German offensive of March, 1918. After the Armistice he volunteered for service with the Russian Relief Force and served on General Sadlier Jackson's Staff, being in charge of all the Wireless Signalling. He was awarded the Order of St. Stanilas, with swords, by the Russian Government for 'your bravery in the field.' He was killed, on August 25th, 1919, by an explosion on H.M.S. 'Glowworm.'

General Sadlier Jackson, commanding Dwina Force, wrote to his father:—

"For myself I have lost not only a very dear friend, but an Officer of whose ability I had the highest opinion. Your son has been indefatigable in the way he has worked as Wireless Officer on my Staff. Much of the success of the recent operations is entirely due to his energy and ability. The country can ill afford the loss—he is mourned by all who knew him, and by all he was beloved."

His soldier-servant wrote:—

"I have lost a very good friend and one of the best of Officers who ever wore the uniform of an Irish Guardsman—a man with the heart of a boy. It was through such as him that the War was brought to a successful conclusion."

A brother-officer wrote:—

"I am not good at expressing my feelings on paper, but I think Zigomala was the fellow who best lived up to the traditions of 'an Officer and a gentleman' that I have ever known."

Colonel Vesey, Irish Guards, wrote:—

"How proud you must be of John, as we all are."



JOHN COPELAND ZIGOMALA

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